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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION
ON TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016 ON PAGE 197.]

HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY 10, 2016 MEETING WILL NOW COME TO ORDER. THIS MORNING, THE INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY SENIOR PASTOR MAMOE MAMOE, OFFICE OF SAMOAN AFFAIRS IN CARSON REPRESENTING THE SECOND DISTRICT, AND THE PLEDGE THIS MORNING WILL BE LED BY LAWRENCE SANDOVAL, III, THE FORMER SENIOR AIRMAN, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, LOS ANGELES, REPRESENTING THE FIRST DISTRICT. PLEASE STAND.

PASTOR MAMOE: I WOULD LIKE TO FIRST AND FOREMOST THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THIS RARE AND UNIQUE PRIVILEGE AND BLESSING TO RENDER THE PRAYER INVOCATION THIS MORNING. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN BY SAYING THESE PARTICULAR REMARKS. I WILL NOT ASK YOU TO CLOSE YOUR EYES BUT TO KEEP YOUR EYES CONSTANTLY OPEN TO THE SERIOUS ISSUES THAT CITY GOVERNMENT FACES AND SHOULD SOLVE. I WILL NOT ASK YOU TO BOW YOUR HEADS BUT TO LOOK UP AT WHAT YOU CAN ACCOMPLISH BY APPLYING YOUR CONSIDERABLE TALENTS AND EXPERIENCES TO THE PROBLEMS THAT CONFRONT US. LET US PRAY. WE REALIZE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US IS A MINORITY WITH RESPECT TO SOMETHING. IT MIGHT BE RACE,



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1 RELIGION, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, NATIONALITY, OR IN ANY OTHER
2 SHAPE, FORM OR FASHION. BUT EACH OF US IS ALSO PART OF A
3 MAJORITY. IT IS WHEN WE WEAR OUR MAJORITY HATS THAT WE NEED TO
4 BE MOST MINDFUL OF HOW WE TREAT OTHERS. THIS MORNING, WE
5 PLEDGE OUR BEST EFFORTS TO HELP ONE ANOTHER AND TO DEFEND THE
6 RIGHTS OF OUR CITIZENS AND RESIDENTS. WHAT DIVIDES IS NOT SO
7 MUCH OUR RELIGIOUS DIFFERENCES IN THIS DIVERSE COUNTRY, BUT IT
8 IS THE DEGREE OF COMMITMENT WE HAVE TO EQUAL FREEDOM FOR ANY
9 AND ALL. WE ARE GATHERED TODAY, BOTH RELIGIOUS AND SECULAR
10 MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY, WITH THE SHARED BELIEF THAT WE MUST
11 TREAT OUR FELLOW HUMAN BEINGS WITH RESPECT AND DIGNITY. I
12 WOULD LIKE TO RENDER AND REMEMBER WHAT ABRAHAM LINCOLN SAID,
13 "WHEN WE ALL DO GOOD, WE FEEL GOOD. BUT WHEN WE DO BAD, WE ALL
14 FEEL BAD." THAT IS MY RELIGION. AND TO CLOSE, AS HARRY S.
15 TRUMAN APPROPRIATELY SAID, "IT'S REMARKABLE HOW MUCH YOU CAN
16 ACCOMPLISH IF YOU DON'T CARE WHO GETS THE CREDIT." AND THIS IS
17 OUR PRAYER, OH CREATOR GOD, AMEN.

18

19 **LAWRENCE SANDOVAL, III:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. MAY I ASK THAT
20 EVERYBODY PLEASE FACE THE FLAG. PUT YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR
21 HEART. IF YOU ARE A VETERAN, YOU MAY SALUTE. AND PLEASE FOLLOW
22 ME AS I SAY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
23 RECITED.] THANK YOU.

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25 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, WE'RE
3 DELIGHTED TO HAVE WITH US THE SENIOR PASTOR, WHO'S TRYING TO
4 ESCAPE BEFORE PERMISSION TO DO SO. ONCE AGAIN, WE'RE DELIGHTED
5 TO HAVE WITH US THE SENIOR PASTOR FOR THE OFFICE OF SAMOAN
6 AFFAIRS. WE WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE PASTOR MAMOE. HE'S BEEN IN
7 THAT POSITION FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS. AND CARSON IS IN THE
8 HOUSE. WE WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE AUNTIE TERRY AND HIS BROTHER
9 BOTH. CARSON IS IN THE HOUSE. THE SAMOAN COMMUNITY IS
10 REPRESENTED. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE GIVE YOU THE APPROPRIATE
11 SHOUTOUT THIS MORNING. GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE, AS WELL.
12 AUNTIE TERRY AND BROTHER. YEAH. [APPLAUSE.] THE MORNING'S
13 INVOCATEUR, HIS ROLE INCLUDES WORKING WITH FAMILIES, BEING
14 SERVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES BY
15 PROVIDING PARENTING, EDUCATION, ANGER MANAGEMENT, DOMESTIC
16 VIOLENCE, AND YOUTH MENTORING SERVICES. HE'S ALSO SENIOR
17 PASTOR WITH THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GARDEN GROVE IN
18 ORANGE COUNTY. HE EARNED A DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGY AND A BACHELOR
19 OF DIVINITY DEGREE FROM KANANA FOU THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IN
20 AMERICAN SAMOA AND A MASTER'S OF THEOLOGY FROM THE PRINCETON
21 THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, WHERE HE ALSO SERVED AS A FULL-TIME
22 LECTURER. HE'S WORKED AS A DETENTION SERVICES OFFICER WITH THE
23 LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION. HE'S BEEN MARRIED
24 TO HIS WIFE HELEN FOR SOME 28 YEARS, AND THEY HAVE THREE SONS.
25 AND SO TODAY, WE THANK YOU, PASTOR MAMOE, FOR LEADING US IN



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1 THIS MORNING'S INVOCATION. AND WE WISH YOU GODSPEED.

2 [APPLAUSE]

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4 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS MORNING I'D LIKE TO THANK LAWRENCE
5 SANDOVAL, III FOR GUIDING US THROUGH THE PLEDGE THIS MORNING.
6 MR. SANDOVAL IS A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF EAST LOS ANGELES. HE
7 GREW UP IN CITY TERRACE, WAS RAISED WITH A FAMILY WITH A
8 STRONG MILITARY BACKGROUND AND TRADITION. HIS FATHER ALSO
9 SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES AS A MARINE. LAWRENCE SERVED AS A
10 SENIOR AIRMAN IN THE U.S. AIR FORCE FROM 2005 TO 2009. DURING
11 HIS SERVICE IN THE AIR FORCE, HE COMPLETED TWO TOURS IN IRAQ
12 AT CAMP BUCCA AND JOINT BASE BALAD. A HIGHLY DECORATED
13 VETERAN, MR. SANDOVAL HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS HONORS WHICH
14 INCLUDE THE AIR FORCE ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL, ARMY ACHIEVEMENT
15 MEDAL, AIR FORCE OUTSTANDING UNIT AWARD, AND THE IRAQ CAMPAIGN
16 MEDAL. THROUGH THE G.I. BILL, LAWRENCE ATTENDED WESTWOOD
17 COLLEGE, WHERE HE RECEIVED A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN CRIMINAL
18 JUSTICE. MR. SANDOVAL BEGAN WORKING FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS
19 ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES IN 2014 AS A
20 VETERAN INTERN, WHERE HE NOW WORKS AS AN ELIGIBILITY WORKER
21 II. ON BEHALF OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I AM
22 VERY PROUD AND PRIVILEGED AND FEEL HONORED TO HAVE YOU HERE
23 WITH US FOR PROVIDING OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE TO
24 OUR COUNTRY. MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FATHER AND YOUR



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1 FAMILY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] MEMBERS, WE'RE ABOUT TO BEGIN
2 OUR ITEMS ON THE BOARD AGENDA THIS MORNING.

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4 **LORI GLASGOW:** EXEC. OFCR.: GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR AND
5 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 3,
6 REPORTS. ON ITEM R-1, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
7 BE CONTINUED TO JUNE 14, 2016. AND ON ITEM R-2, THE CHIEF
8 EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND COUNTY COUNSEL HAVE REQUESTED THIS ITEM
9 BE CONTINUED TO JUNE 8, 2016 RATHER THAN MAY 31ST AS POSTED ON
10 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON PAGE 4, ITEM 1-D, A MEMBER OF THE
11 PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 5, AGENDA
12 FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, ON ITEM 1-H, A
13 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND
14 THIS ITEM RELATES TO AGENDA ITEM NO. 51. ON ITEM 2-H, A MEMBER
15 OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 6,
16 AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE
17 DISTRICT. ON ITEM NO. 1-P, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS
18 REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD, AND THERE IS ITEM 2-P AS
19 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

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21 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SHEILA
22 KUEHL. SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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24 **LORI GLASGOW:** EXEC. OFCR.: ON PAGE 7, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
25 ITEMS 1 THROUGH 13. ON ITEM 2, THIS ITEM WAS REVISED AS



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1 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, AND SUPERVISORS KUEHL
2 AND ANTONOVICH REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD, ALONG WITH A
3 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM 3, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS
4 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 10, THIS ITEM WAS REVISED
5 AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA TO BE DISCUSSED AS
6 PART OF ITEM P-1, WHICH WAS ALSO ADDED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
7 AGENDA. ON ITEMS NO. 12 AND 13, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE
8 REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE REMAINDER OF THESE ITEMS
9 ARE BEFORE YOU.

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11 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THESE ITEMS ARE MOVED BY
12 SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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14 **LORI GLASGOW:** EXEC. OFCR.: ON PAGE 12, CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS
15 14 THROUGH 50. ON ITEM NO. 15, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
16 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HER DEPARTMENT
17 INSTEAD OF BEING CONTINUED AS POSTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
18 AGENDA. ON ITEMS 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22 AND 23, MEMBERS OF THE
19 PUBLIC HAVE REQUESTED THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM NO.
20 28, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
21 REFERRED BACK TO HER DEPARTMENT. ON ITEM NO. 36, AS INDICATED
22 ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY REQUESTS
23 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MAY 17, 2016. ON ITEM
24 37, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS --

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1 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT WAS ITEM 36.

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3 **LORI GLASGOW:** EXEC. OFCR.: THAT WAS ITEM 36. THE DISTRICT
4 ATTORNEY REQUESTS THAT IT BE CONTINUED TO MAY 17TH. ON ITEM
5 37, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE
6 WEEK TO MAY 17, 2016. ON ITEM NO. 40, AS INDICATED ON THE
7 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THIS ITEM WAS REVISED AND A MEMBER OF THE
8 PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 41, THE
9 SHERIFF REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HIS
10 DEPARTMENT. ON ITEM 42, THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD FOR A MEMBER OF
11 THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM 43, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
12 AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
13 CONTINUED TO JULY 5, 2016. ON ITEM 45, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS
14 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO MAY 24, 2016. THE REMAINDER OF
15 THESE ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM 47,
16 WHICH A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED TO BE HELD.

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18 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THOSE ITEMS ARE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
19 RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE
20 ORDER.

21

22 **LORI GLASGOW:** EXEC. OFCR.: ON PAGE 32, SEPARATE MATTERS, ITEMS
23 51 AND 52, ON ITEM 51, THIS IS A RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT AND
24 INSTRUCT THE CHAIR TO SIGN A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE
25 OF TAX-EXEMPT MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS BY



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1 THE HOUSING AUTHORITY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,450,000 TO
2 SUN SAGE HOMES, L.P. TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION AND
3 REHABILITATION OF OSAGE APARTMENTS. THIS ITEM RELATES TO
4 AGENDA ITEM 1-H, AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT
5 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 52, THIS IS A RECOMMENDATION TO
6 ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE
7 2016/17 TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES IN AN AGGREGATE
8 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$800 MILLION TO MEET THE CASH
9 FLOW NEEDS OF THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND. A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
10 HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 33,
11 MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE
12 THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE
13 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 53-A, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS
14 REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 36, NOTICES OF
15 CLOSED SESSION FOR MAY 10, 2016. ON ITEM C.S.-1 AND C.S.-4, A
16 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD.
17 AND AS NOTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THIS INCLUDES ITEM
18 C.S.-5. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF
19 SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT
20 NO. 4.

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22 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE? YES, THAT'S MINE. THANK
23 YOU.

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1 BOARD MEMBERS AND THE PUBLIC, TODAY WE ARE GOING TO BE
2 RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING NURSES OF THE YEAR. THIS IS A SPECIAL
3 AWARD THAT IS PROVIDED EACH YEAR BY THE COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS.
4 AS YOU KNOW, EVERY DAY NURSES CARE FOR OUR PATIENTS, THEIR
5 FAMILIES AND THE COMMUNITIES THAT WE SERVE, MAKING A
6 DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF MANY. THESE COMPASSIONATE AND
7 DEDICATED NURSES ARE A VERY INTEGRAL PART OF OUR HEALTHCARE
8 SYSTEM, AND THEIR EFFORTS AND DEDICATION DESERVE THIS
9 RECOGNITION TODAY. THIS YEAR, WE'RE PLEASED TO HAVE 14
10 OUTSTANDING NURSES OF THE YEAR AWARDS TO HONOR. NATIONAL
11 NURSES WEEK IS CELEBRATED ANNUALLY FROM MAY 6TH, ALSO KNOWN AS
12 NATIONAL NURSES DAY, THROUGH MAY 12TH, THE BIRTHDAY OF NONE
13 OTHER THAN FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE, THE FOUNDER OF MODERN
14 NURSING. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE L.A. COUNTY
15 NURSE RECOGNITION STEERING COMMITTEE, WHICH OVERSEES THE NURSE
16 RECOGNITION PROGRAM AND SELECTS THE OUTSTANDING NURSES OF THE
17 YEAR. THIS HAS BEEN A BOARD TRADITION, MEMBERS, FOR THE PAST
18 30 YEARS. WITH THAT, I'D LIKE TO START WITH THIS PRESENTATION
19 WITH SUPERVISOR KNABE, ANTONOVICH AND AFTER WHICH I WILL
20 PRESENT IN THAT ORDER AND THEN WE'LL MOVE ON. THANK YOU. OKAY.
21 VERY GOOD.

22
23 >>SUP. KNABE: THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
24 IT'S MY PRIVILEGE AND HONOR TO RECOGNIZE A COUPLE OF
25 OUTSTANDING NURSES FROM THE FOURTH DISTRICT. FIRST OF ALL, I'D



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1 LIKE TO TO PRESENT JACQUELINE RIFENBURG, WHO THEY HAVE THE
2 SCROLLS IN HAND ALREADY AS THE OUTSTANDING NURSE OF THE YEAR.
3 JACQUELINE BEGAN HER CAREER WITH THE COUNTY AT THE EMERGENCY
4 MEDICAL SERVICES AGENCY IN 1999 AS A NURSING INSTRUCTOR FOR
5 THE PARAMEDIC TRAINING INSTITUTE. IN THIS ROLE, SHE PROVIDED
6 INSTRUCTION AND SKILLS TESTING AND SERVED AS A CLINICAL
7 RECEPTOR OF PARAMEDIC STUDENTS FROM VARIOUS FIRE DEPARTMENTS
8 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. AFTER A FEW YEARS, SHE WAS PROMOTED TO
9 SENIOR NURSING INSTRUCTOR AND OVERSAW THE DAILY OPERATIONS OF
10 THE INSTITUTE. WITHIN THE M.S. AGENCY, JACQUELINE HAS ALSO
11 WORKED IN THE DISASTER SERVICES SECTION AND WAS RESPONSIBLE
12 FOR COORDINATING OUR DISASTER PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES, OUR
13 EXERCISES AND DRILLS, AND DRILLS AT THE HEALTH CARE
14 FACILITIES. IN ADDITION, SHE HAS WORKED AT L.A.C.+U.S.C. AS A
15 MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE NURSE IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT. SHE
16 CONSISTENTLY PURSUES OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPAND HER KNOWLEDGE
17 BASE AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, HER EXPERIENCE. THIS WAS BEST
18 EXEMPLIFIED WHEN SHE WAS AWARDED AND ASSUMED A NEW ROLE AS A
19 PRE-HOSPITAL PROGRAM MANAGER IN 2013. SHE IS THE LEAD NURSE IN
20 CONDUCTING PROGRAM REVIEW OF ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT AND
21 CRITICAL CARE TRANSPORT PROGRAMS. IN JUNE OF 2015, JACQUELINE
22 RETURNED TO HER REAL PASSION, TEACHING FIREFIGHTERS AND
23 E.M.T.S TO BECOME COMPETENT PARAMEDICS. SHE IS CURRENTLY THE
24 TRAINING COORDINATOR FOR OUR PARAMEDIC TRAINING INSTITUTE.
25 OTHER THAN THAT, SHE HAS A LOT OF FREE TIME. [LAUGHTER.]



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1 CONGRATULATIONS, JACQUELINE. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT, I'D LIKE TO
2 PRESENT PAMELA KUNAO. KENYA. JUST TOOK THE WORDS OUT OF MY
3 MOUTH. [LAUGHTER.] AS AN OUTSTANDING NURSE OF THE YEAR AWARD
4 AS WELL. PAMELA GRADUATED IN 2003 FROM THE SAN PEDRO
5 PHILIPPINE COLLEGE WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN NURSING AND
6 WORKED IN THE MEDICAL SURGICAL WARD AS A REGISTERED NURSE AND
7 A CLINICAL INSTRUCTOR BEFORE RELOCATING TO THE UNITED STATES
8 IN 2006. IN JULY OF 2008, SHE JOINED OUR GREAT TEAM OUT AT
9 RANCHO LOS AMIGOS NATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTER AS A STAFF
10 NURSE IN THE DIRECT OBSERVATION STEPDOWN UNIT AND TRANSFERRED
11 TO THE I.C. UNIT IN 2010. SHE IS PASSIONATE ABOUT PATIENT CARE
12 AND PROVIDING THE BEST HOLISTIC CARE TO PATIENTS AND THEIR
13 FAMILIES, WHICH IS EVIDENT THROUGH HER POSITIVE ATTITUDE,
14 COMPASSION, AND READINESS TO HELP EVERYONE. PAMELA
15 COLLABORATED WITH HER COLLEAGUES TO CREATE AND IMPLEMENT THE
16 I.C.U. WELCOME PAMPHLET, THE I.C.U. PROGRESSIVE MOBILITY, TO
17 DECREASE PATIENTS' LENGTH OF STAY IN THE I.C.U., THUS
18 IMPROVING OUR OUTCOMES WHILE DECREASING COSTS AND INCREASING
19 REVENUE FOR RANCHO. SO ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF MY COLLEAGUES
20 AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE PATIENTS THAT SHE SERVES, WE WANT
21 TO SAY CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

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23 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** WELL, WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE
24 ANGELA MILAN. SHE GRADUATED FROM CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY,
25 LONG BEACH CUM LAUDE WITH A SCIENCE DEGREE, BACHELOR OF



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1 SCIENCE DEGREE IN NURSING IN 2010. BEEN A NURSE IN FIVE YEARS
2 WITH A BACKGROUND IN MEDICAL SURGICAL, TELEMETRIC, HOSPICE,
3 AND PSYCHIATRIC NURSING. JOINED THE GLENDALE HEALTH CENTER IN
4 2013 TO FOLLOW HER PASSION FOR EDUCATING THE PUBLIC, HER DEEP
5 INTEREST IN INTERVENTIONS TO IMPROVE HEALTH OUTCOMES. ANGELA
6 FEELS THAT BY DEDICATING MORE TIME FOR PATIENTS AND LESS TIME
7 FOR PAPERWORK, NURSES CAN PROVIDE COMPASSIONATE,
8 COMPREHENSIVE, AND SAFE NURSING CARE. TOWARD THAT END, SHE
9 CREATED A USER-FRIENDLY LOG THAT INCREASES THE EFFICIENCY OF
10 CLINIC SERVICES, ALLOWING MORE TIME FOR NURSE-PATIENT
11 INTERACTION. SHE'S CURRENTLY WORKING TOWARDS OBTAINING HER
12 MASTER'S OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN NURSING WITH AN ADULT GERIATRIC
13 NURSE PRACTITIONER CERTIFICATION FROM AZUSA PACIFIC
14 UNIVERSITY. A MEMBER OF THE ALPHA CHI NATIONAL COLLEGE HONOR
15 SOCIETY, WILL GRADUATE IN THE TOP 10 PERCENT OF HER CLASS THIS
16 COMING AUGUST. IN THE FUTURE, SHE PLANS TO PURSUE A DOCTORATE
17 OF NURSING PRACTICE DEGREE, AND THEN RUN FOR THE BOARD OF
18 SUPERVISORS? [LAUGHTER.] SO WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE ANGELA FOR
19 HER ACCOMPLISHMENTS. [APPLAUSE] NOW WE HAVE SHIRLEY APRECIO,
20 WHO IS GRADUATING THIS YEAR AS ONE OF THE TOP NURSES AWARD.
21 SHE BEGAN HER NURSING CAREER BACK IN 1985 AS A LICENSED
22 VOCATIONAL NURSE AT LA CASA MENTAL HEALTH PSYCHIATRIC
23 REHABILITATION HOSPITAL. HER NURSING CAREER WITH THE COUNTY OF
24 LOS ANGELES BEGAN IN 1989 AT EL MONTE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH
25 CENTER, WHERE SHE WORKED AS AN L.V.N. IN PEDIATRIC AND



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1 IMMUNIZATION CLINIC. THEN IN 1991 SHE TRANSFERRED TO THE
2 WHITTIER HEALTH DEPARTMENT WORKING WITH FAMILY PLANNING,
3 S.T.D., O.B./G.Y.N., IMMUNIZATIONS, ADULT CARE, AND CHEST
4 CLINIC, LATER TRANSFERRING TO MACLAREN CHILDREN'S CENTER,
5 WHERE SHE PROVIDED CARE TO ABUSED AND ABANDONED CHILDREN FOR
6 EIGHT YEARS. THEN SHE TRANSFERRED IN 2003 TO L.A.C.+U.S.C.
7 EMERGENCY ROOM. IN 2005 SHE APPLIED AND WAS ACCEPTED TO THE
8 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT. THIS IS A PROGRAM WHERE THE L.V.N.S CAN
9 GO TO SCHOOL AND BECOME AN R.N. SHE EARNED HER ASSOCIATE
10 DEGREE IN NURSING IN 2009, THEN IN 2010 BEGAN WORKING AS A
11 NURSE AUDITOR WITH MANAGED CARE SERVICES CONDUCTING AUDITS OF
12 THE COMMUNITY PARTNERS. AND IN THIS ROLE, SHIRLEY PROVIDED
13 OVERSIGHT AND EVALUATION TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH MY HEALTH
14 L.A. ON THE WEEKENDS SHE'S A FACILITY NURSE SUPERVISOR AT A
15 SKILLED NURSING FACILITY. AND ACCORDING TO SHIRLEY, WORKING
16 FOR THE COUNTY HAS ALLOWED HER THE OPPORTUNITY TO FULFILL HER
17 DREAMS, HER EXPERIENCES WORKING AS A NURSE, GIVING HER THE
18 HEARTFELT SATISFACTION KNOWING THAT SHE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE
19 IN ONE'S LIFE. AND SHE APPRECIATES THAT OPPORTUNITY TO INSPIRE
20 PEOPLE IN EVERY DAY OF HER LIFE. SO CONGRATULATIONS, SHIRLEY.
21 [APPLAUSE.]

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23 **HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. I WAS
24 VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE FOUR NURSES SELECTED AS OUTSTANDING
25 NURSES IN MY DISTRICT. THE FIRST NURSE I'D LIKE TO CALL UP IS



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1 LOYOLA, KNOWN AS HOLA, GALLARDO. [APPLAUSE] THAT'S A NICE
2 NAME. HOLA, HELLO. ALWAYS SWEET WITH A SMILE. I'M HONORED TO
3 PRESENT LOYOLA HOLA GALLARDO WITH AN OUTSTANDING PUBLIC HEALTH
4 NURSE OF THE YEAR AWARD. HOLA IS A PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE AND
5 WORKS FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH,
6 THE CALIFORNIA CHILDREN'S SERVICES UNIT, IN THE QUALITY
7 IMPROVEMENT AND COCHLEAR IMPLANT TEAMS. SHE BEGAN WORKING FOR
8 C.S.S. BACK IN 1997. SO WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE HER ON HER
9 WORK. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT I HAVE LESTER J.
10 JUAREZ, THE NEXT AWARDEE, WHO RECEIVED THE SHERIFF
11 DEPARTMENT'S NURSE OF THE YEAR AWARD. THIS YEAR LESTER WAS
12 ALSO SELECTED TO BE THE FIRST EVER LOS ANGELES COUNTY
13 OUTSTANDING NURSE OF THE YEAR. HE GRADUATED FROM LOS ANGELES
14 COUNTY CERTIFIED NURSE ASSISTANT PROGRAM WITH HIGH HONORS, THE
15 LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSE PROGRAM WITH HONORS FOR EXCELLENCE
16 IN CLINICAL PRACTICE IN 2010, AND GRADUATED AS A REGISTERED
17 NURSE IN 2011, RECEIVING AN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN
18 LEADERSHIP. LESTER WORKED AS AN L.V.N. AT THE L.A.C.+U.S.C.
19 MEDICAL CENTER BEFORE JOINING LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S
20 DEPARTMENT MEDICAL SERVICE BUREAU AND HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE
21 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL SINCE THAT TIME BACK IN 2000 OF THIS YEAR,
22 LAST COUPLE YEARS BACK. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT I'D LIKE
23 TO INTRODUCE DIA VANAD. I'M PLEASED TO PRESENT DIA VANAD WITH
24 AN OUTSTANDING NURSE OF THE YEAR AWARD. DIA CAME TO THE COUNTY
25 WITH A NURSING DEGREE FROM INDIA. SHE WORKED AS AN INSTRUCTOR



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1 IN INDIA FROM 1999 TO 2006. SHE BEGAN HER NURSING CAREER WITH
2 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AT L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER IN
3 2008, WHERE SHE WAS HIRED AS AN R.N.1 FOR THE ADULT PRIMARY
4 CARE CLINICS. SHE IS A PRIMARY RECEPTOR FOR INCOMING NEW STAFF
5 FOR ALL LEVELS AS WELL AS ALL INTERNAL CONSULTANT STAFF IN
6 PRIMARY CARE CLINICS. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP.
7 [APPLAUSE.] AND LASTLY I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE DONALYNN LYNN
8 MATTHEWS. IT'S MY PLEASURE TO HONOR DONALYNN LYNN MATTHEWS
9 WITH AN OUTSTANDING NURSE OF THE YEAR AWARD. SHE GREW UP IN
10 COVINA AND GRADUATED FROM THE NURSING PROGRAM AT MOUNT SAN
11 ANTONIO COLLEGE IN WALNUT RECEIVING HER R.N. DEGREE. SHE
12 STARTED WORKING AT CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL BACK IN 1992, WORKING
13 FOR JUVENILE COURT HEALTH SERVICES FOR 23 YEARS, AND HAS BEEN
14 A RECIPIENT OF VARIOUS AWARDS AND CHALLENGES. SHE WORKS IN
15 COLLABORATION WITH THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF
16 MENTAL HEALTH, AND VARIOUS PLACEMENT FACILITIES. WE THANK YOU
17 FOR YOUR SERVICE AND YOUR COURAGE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]
18 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR. I'M
21 DELIGHTED TO HAVE FOUR OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE
22 DESERVING OF OUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND I BEGIN WITH NANCY
23 ALVAREZ. NANCY, COME FORWARD. [APPLAUSE] NANCY BEGAN HER
24 EMPLOYMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT IN
25 OCTOBER OF 2011. SHE PREVIOUSLY WORKED AS A TRAUMA NURSE IN



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1 THE LONG BEACH MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AS
2 AN INSTRUCTOR AT THE PARAMEDIC TRAINING INSTITUTE AND AS A
3 FORENSIC NURSE EXAMINER. SHE CURRENTLY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
4 TRAINING AND EDUCATION AT DIVISION I, WHICH CONSISTS OF THREE
5 BATTALIONS IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE LIFEGUARDS. SHE ALSO
6 SERVES AS A PATIENT ADVOCATE BY DEVELOPING EDUCATIONAL
7 BROCHURES FOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH REGARDING TOPICS FROM FREE
8 AND LOW COST CLINICS TO STINGRAY SAFETY. I NEED A LITTLE BIT
9 OF THAT, STINGRAY SAFETY. NANCY IS COMMITTED TO IMPROVING AND
10 STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND
11 LOCAL HOSPITALS BY PARTICIPATING IN MONTHLY MEETINGS WITH
12 LOCAL CLINICS AND HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATORS. SHE HAS
13 DEMONSTRATED HER COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION AND TRAINING BY
14 VOLUNTEERING HER TIME AS AN INSTRUCTOR IN THE COUNTY'S
15 INTERNATIONAL FIRE TRAINING ACADEMY. NANCY IS AN INSPIRATION
16 AND A ROLE MODEL AND I'M PROUD TO PRESENT HER WITH AN
17 OUTSTANDING NURSE OF THE YEAR AWARD. GIVE A BIG ROUND OF
18 APPLAUSE TO NANCY ALVAREZ. [APPLAUSE.] SHE BROUGHT THE CHIEF
19 WITH HER AND ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT WHO PROVIDES
20 LEADERSHIP. GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT
21 IS IN THE HOUSE. [APPLAUSE.] WELL LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I'M
22 NOW PLEASED TO RECOGNIZE MISS SHIRLEY ROSPA GARCIA. SHIRLEY,
23 COME FORWARD. GIVE HER A ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WILL YOU?
24 [APPLAUSE] SHIRLEY RECEIVED HER BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN
25 NURSING FROM THE PHILIPPINE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY IN THE YEAR



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1 1980. SHE BEGAN HER CAREER AS A STAFF NURSE AND ADULT AND
2 ADOLESCENT INPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC UNIT AT ELMHURST HOSPITAL IN
3 QUEENS, NEW YORK. IN 1987, SHE ACCEPTED A STAFF NURSE POSITION
4 WITH THE CRISIS RESOLUTION UNIT AT THE HARBOR-U.C.L.A. MEDICAL
5 CENTER AND WAS LATER PROMOTED TO MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR R.N.,
6 AN ADULT OUTPATIENT CLINIC AT THE HARBOR-U.C.L.A. MEDICAL
7 CENTER. SHIRLEY HAS FOUND HER 28-YEAR CAREER AT HARBOR-
8 U.C.L.A. TO BE BOTH CHALLENGING AND REWARDING. SHE HAS THRIVED
9 WITH THE MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM AND MULTICULTURAL SETTING
10 WHILE ACTIVELY LISTENING TO CLIENTS AND ADVOCATING FOR THEIR
11 NEEDS. SHIRLEY'S ADVICE TO NEW AND FUTURE NURSES IS THAT,
12 QUOTE, "THE KEY TO FINDING JOY AND CONTENTMENT IN NURSING IS
13 TO BE DRIVEN BY A STRONG DESIRE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OTHER
14 PEOPLE'S LIVES RATHER THAN MERELY COMPLETING TASKS IN A
15 ROUTINE FASHION." END QUOTE. I'M PLEASED TO PRESENT SHIRLEY
16 WITH AN OUTSTANDING NURSE OF THE YEAR AWARD. PLEASE GIVE
17 SHIRLEY GARCIA A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR A JOB WELL DONE.
18 [APPLAUSE.] WE ACKNOWLEDGE DR. ROBIN KAY, GIVE HER A ROUND OF
19 APPLAUSE, THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. [APPLAUSE] NOW
20 LET'S BRING FORTH CARLETTA HENDERSON. CARLETTA, ROUND OF
21 APPLAUSE, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, REGISTERED NURSE IN THE URGENT
22 CARE CENTER AT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. OUTPATIENT CENTER.
23 SHE BEGAN HER CAREER THERE AS A RECENT GRADUATE FROM L.A.
24 SOUTHWEST COLLEGE SCHOOL OF NURSING IN OCTOBER OF 1992 AND HAS
25 NOW BEEN WITH THE DEPARTMENT FOR 24 YEARS. HER TRAINING BEGAN



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1 IN THE INPATIENT ANTIPARTUM HIGH-RISK OBSTETRICS UNIT AND
2 WHERE SHE WORKED FOR FIVE YEARS SPECIALIZING IN FETAL
3 MONITORING AND LABOR AND DELIVERY. SHE THEN MOVED TO THE
4 EMERGENCY ROOM, WHERE SHE WORKED FOR 10 YEARS SPECIALIZING IN
5 EMERGENCY MEDICINE AND TRAUMA CENTER NURSING. CURRENTLY SHE
6 WORKS IN URGENT CARE, WHERE ALL OF HER PREVIOUS TRAINING IS
7 BEING PUT TO GOOD USE ON A DAILY BASIS. CARLETTA IS INCREDIBLY
8 PROUD TO BE A NURSE AND IS MOTIVATED BY HER TWO CHILDREN,
9 CHRIS AND KRISTIN. I'M PLEASED TO PRESENT CARLETTA HENDERSON
10 WITH AN OUTSTANDING NURSE OF THE YEAR AWARD. PLEASE JOIN ME IN
11 GIVING HER A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE AND THANKING HER FOR HER
12 MANY YEARS OF SERVICE. [APPLAUSE.] NOW, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
13 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, LET'S BRING FORWARD LOQUITA WHITESIDE.
14 GIVE HER A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. WE'RE DELIGHTED THAT SHE'S
15 HERE. [APPLAUSE] LOQUITA GREW UP IN WATTS AND WAS RAISED BY A
16 SINGLE MOTHER WHOSE DILIGENCE AND PERSEVERANCE INSTILLED IN
17 HER THE SIGNIFICANCE OF EDUCATION. SHE EARNED A BACHELOR'S
18 DEGREE FROM CAL STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH, AN L.V.N. DEGREE
19 FROM LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE, AND AN R.N. DEGREE FROM L.A.
20 COUNTY'S COLLEGE OF NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH. SHE BELIEVES IN
21 EDUCATION. LOQUITA JOINED THE COUNTY IN THE YEAR OF 2005 AS A
22 NURSING ATTENDANCE AT THE KING-DREW MEDICAL CENTER AND
23 TRANSFERRED TO HARBOR-U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER IN 2007. SHE
24 FULFILLS MANY ROLES: PRECEPTOR, CHARGE NURSE, UNIT COMMITTEE
25 CHAIR, AND RESPECTED MEMBER OF THE NURSING PROFESSION. LOQUITA



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1 GOES BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY EVERY DAY. SHE WENT INTO NURSING
2 TO HELP OTHERS AND TO PROVIDE COMPASSION TO THOSE WHO NEED IT
3 MOST. HER GOALS ARE TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF HER
4 CHILDREN AND HER PATIENTS AND SERVE AS A ROLE MODEL FOR
5 OTHERS. WOULD YOU JOIN ME IN GIVING LOQUITA WHITESIDE A BIG
6 KNOWLEDGE OF APPLAUSE AND ACKNOWLEDGE HER FOR AN OUTSTANDING
7 NURSE OF THE YEAR. [APPLAUSE.] A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR ALL
8 THE LADIES. [APPLAUSE.] SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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10 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, COLLEAGUES. I'M HONORED TO
11 PRESENT TWO OUTSTANDING NURSES AND TO HONOR THEM WHO RESIDE IN
12 THE THIRD DISTRICT. AND THE REASON THE THIRD DISTRICT IS GOING
13 LAST IS BECAUSE WE ROTATE EVERY WEEK, IN CASE YOU DON'T KNOW
14 OUT THERE, SO THAT SOMEBODY GETS TO GO FIRST EVERY FIVE WEEKS.
15 AND THAT MEANS SOMEBODY GOES LAST EVERY FIVE WEEKS. BUT WE
16 HONOR OUR NURSES IN THE THIRD DISTRICT NONETHELESS. FIRST,
17 JENNIFER SMITH, IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD. BIG ROUND OF
18 APPLAUSE, AS MY COLLEAGUE SAYS. [APPLAUSE.] RECEIVED HER
19 BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN NEUROSCIENCE IN 2007 FROM U.S.C. AND HER
20 MASTER'S DEGREE IN NURSING IN 2012 FROM CHARLES DREW
21 UNIVERSITY. STARTED WORKING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND
22 FAMILY SERVICES IN JULY OF 2014 AND HAS WORKED THROUGHOUT THE
23 ANTELOPE VALLEY IN BOTH THE D.C.F.S. PALMDALE AND LANCASTER
24 OFFICES. SHE ADVOCATES ON BEHALF OF CHILDREN TO ENSURE THAT
25 THEIR HEALTHCARE NEEDS ARE MET AND THAT THEY RECEIVE THE



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1 APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF CARE. SHE ASSISTS HER PEERS IN OTHER
2 D.C.F.S. OFFICES AND WORKS WITH MEDICAL CASE MANAGEMENT
3 SERVICES TO ASSIST CHILDREN WHO HAVE COMPLICATED MEDICAL
4 CONDITIONS. SHE TAKES GREAT CARE IN MAKING SURE THAT FAMILIES
5 ARE CONNECTED TO RESOURCES, WHETHER IT'S TRANSPORTATION,
6 EDUCATION, OR HEALTH INSURANCE AND ARE RECEIVING NEEDED
7 MEDICATIONS AND SUPPLIES. SHE ALSO VOLUNTEERS THROUGH D.C.F.S.
8 TEACHING CLASSES TO FOSTER PARENTS WHO CARE FOR CHILDREN WITH
9 MEDICAL CONDITIONS. PLEASE JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING AND
10 THANKING JENNIFER FOR HER EXCELLENT WORK. [APPLAUSE.] OUR
11 SECOND NURSE FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT WE'RE HONORING TODAY IS
12 NESI NAPAD. YOU COULD SAY THAT NESI HAS NURSING IN HER BLOOD.
13 SHE WAS BORN TO TWO LOS ANGELES COUNTY NURSES WHO INSPIRED HER
14 WITH THEIR COMPASSION AND DEDICATION. AS A CHILD, SHE WAS AT
15 OLIVE VIEW MEDICAL CENTER EVERY DAY AS HER MOTHER, A DAY SHIFT
16 NURSE, HANDED HER TO HER FATHER COMING OFF HIS NIGHT SHIFT. IN
17 2010, NESI BEGAN WORKING AT OLIVE VIEW IN THE EMERGENCY
18 DEPARTMENT. WHAT A SURPRISE, HEY? AS AN E.R. NURSE, SHE
19 DEMONSTRATED A DEEP KNOWLEDGE OF DELIVERING CARE TO CRITICALLY
20 ILL PATIENTS. WHEN SHE DISCOVERED THAT HER HANDWRITTEN NOTES
21 WERE BEING USED BY NEW NURSES TO ORIENT THEMSELVES IN THE
22 E.R., SHE CREATED A LEARNING TOOL THAT LISTED COMMON E.R.
23 COMPLAINTS, TREATMENT ALGORITHMS, AND EXPECTED NURSING TASKS.
24 HER ENTHUSIASM FOR PROMOTING A HIGH STANDARD OF QUALITY
25 PATIENT CARE TO ALL NURSES LED TO HER CURRENT POSITION AS THE



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1 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT'S NURSE EDUCATOR. SHE HAS REVAMPED THE
2 E.R.'S NEW NURSE ORIENTATION AND IS CURRENTLY DEVELOPING A NEW
3 GRAD PROGRAM WITH CLINICAL TRAINING, A SKILLS LAB, AND A
4 DIDACTIC LECTURE SERIES. SHE IS AN O.R.C.H.I.D. SUPERVISOR, A
5 PATIENT SAFETY COMMITTEE MEMBER, AND JOINT COMMISSION
6 TASKFORCE MEMBER. NESI OBTAINED HER CERTIFIED EMERGENCY NURSE
7 DEGREE IN 2013 AND IS CURRENTLY IN SCHOOL AT LOMA LINDA
8 UNIVERSITY FOR HER DOCTORATE OF NURSE PRACTICE AS AN ADULT
9 CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST. WOW. CONGRATULATIONS, NESI, ON
10 BEING NAMED ONE OF OUR COUNTY'S OUTSTANDING NURSES.

11 [APPLAUSE.] PLEASE GIVE A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO ALL OF OUR
12 WONDERFUL NURSES. [APPLAUSE]

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14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** CAN WE GET ALL MEMBERS UP HERE?

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16 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** TALL PEOPLE IN THE BACK, HA-HA. [LAUGHTER.]
17 [APPLAUSE]

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19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, EARLIER THIS MORNING I HAD THE
22 OPPORTUNITY OF MEETING WITH THE HONORABLE VICE GOVERNOR WANG
23 HESHAN, WHO IS THE VICE GOVERNOR OF NINGXIA AUTONOMOUS REGION
24 IN CHINA TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY WITH HIS DELEGATION. NINGXIA IS
25 THE HOME OF THE HUI PEOPLE, ONE OF THE 56 OFFICIALLY



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1 RECOGNIZED NATIONALITIES OF CHINA, AND IT'S IN THE NORTHERN
2 PART OF CHINA ON THE SOUTHERN BORDER OF INNER MONGOLIA
3 AUTONOMOUS REGION, WHICH IS HOME TO OUR SISTER REGION OF LOS
4 ANGELES COUNTY --. THE VICE GOVERNOR IS ACTIVELY PROMOTING
5 ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS AND TOURISM. THEIR ECONOMY IS RAPIDLY
6 GROWING AND DIVERSIFYING, AND THEY HAVE A VERY GROWING WINE
7 INDUSTRY. SO WE KNOW THAT UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP, THE REGION
8 WILL CONTINUE TO FLOURISH AND GROW. WE HOPE THAT -- THIS IS
9 HIS FOURTH VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES, AND WE HOPE THAT HIS
10 FIFTH VISIT AFTER THIS VISIT WILL COME BACK TO LOS ANGELES
11 COUNTY TO ENSURE MORE JOINT ECONOMIC INVESTMENTS BETWEEN THE
12 PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES AND THE
13 UNITED STATES AND CHINA. SO, MR. VICE GOVERNOR, WELCOME, GOOD
14 MORNING, AND YOUR DELEGATION. [APPLAUSE]

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16 **WANG HESHAN:** [SPEAKING FOREIGN LANGUAGE]

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18 **INTERPRETER:** GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. IT IS MY
19 GREAT HONOR TO HAVE A CERTIFICATE AND ALSO TO ATTEND THIS
20 EVENT TODAY. I'M THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF THE NINGXIA PROVINCE
21 IN CHINA. OUR MISSION TO LOS ANGELES IS TO TRY TO PROMOTE OUR
22 FRIENDSHIP AND CULTURE WITH THE UNITED STATES. WELCOME ALL THE
23 FRIENDS FROM L.A. COUNTY TO NINGXIA. ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU
24 VERY MUCH FOR L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]



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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, WE'RE MIXING IT UP THIS
2 MORNING. ADD SOME SPICE TO LIFE. I AM VERY HONORED AND PLEASED
3 TO INTRODUCE TO YOU OUR NEW GERMAN CONSUL GENERAL IN LOS
4 ANGELES, THE HONORABLE HANS-JOERG NEUMANN TO BE PRESENTED HERE
5 FORMALLY TO US. THE CONSUL GENERAL IS A CAREER OFFICER WITH
6 NEARLY 30 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN THE GERMAN FOREIGN SERVICE. HE
7 HAS SERVED AS DEPUTY HEAD OF MISSION AT THE GERMAN EMBASSY IN
8 ROMANIA AND THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE GERMAN EMBASSY IN
9 CAIRO AS WELL AS THE FOREIGN DESK OFFICE OF THE MAGHREB
10 COUNTRIES OF NORTH AFRICA. HE IS WELL-ACQUAINTED WITH THE
11 UNITED STATES, HAVING BEEN AN EXCHANGE STUDENT WITH THE
12 AMERICAN FIELD SERVICE IN PENNSYLVANIA IN 1974, AND FROM 2001
13 TO 2005 HE WAS POLITICAL ADVISOR AND HEAD OF CONSULAR AND
14 LEGAL AFFAIRS AT THE GERMAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. BEFORE
15 HE WENT INTO THE FOREIGN SERVICE, HE STUDIED LAW IN GERMANY
16 AND IN SWITZERLAND AND PRACTICED LAW IN FRANKFURT. HE CAME TO
17 LOS ANGELES AFTER SERVING AS AMBASSADOR TO BENIN IN WEST
18 AFRICA. ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE
19 MORE THAN 10 MILLION RESIDENTS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,
20 WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME CONSUL GENERAL NEUMANN TO LOS
21 ANGELES AND TO PLEDGE OUR SUPPORT TO HIM AND HIS MISSION TO
22 ENHANCE THE ALREADY SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP THAT WE ENJOY BETWEEN
23 THE UNITED STATES AND GERMANY. [APPLAUSE]
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1 **HANS-JOERG NEUMANN:** MADAME CHAIR, HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE
2 BOARD, I DON'T KNOW WHETHER YOU WERE AWARE THAT 8 PERCENT OF
3 CALIFORNIANS ARE OF GERMAN DESCENT, AND THIS BOARD
4 OVERFULFILLS ITS PERCENTAGE WITH 20 PERCENT, BECAUSE TO MY
5 KNOWLEDGE, SUPERVISOR MR. DON KNABE IS ALSO OF GERMAN DESCENT.
6 SO -- AS WELL? OH, I'M AMAZED. SO, IT'S 40 PERCENT, EVEN, OF
7 GERMAN DESCENT, SO THAT'S WONDERFUL. BESIDES THAT, YOU SHOULD
8 KNOW WE HAVE ABOUT 60,000 PEOPLE WITH A GERMAN PASSPORT IN
9 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ALONE. WE HAVE ABOUT 45 GERMAN CLUBS AND
10 ASSOCIATIONS ONLY IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. AND WE DO HAVE AN
11 ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF BUSINESS IN YOUR REGION. GERMANY IS THE
12 FIFTH LARGEST TRADING PARTNER OF CALIFORNIA AND THE GREATER
13 LOS ANGELES REGION, AND WE ARE THE ONLY EUROPEAN COUNTRY IN
14 THE TOP 10. SO, FOR ME IT'S A GREAT HONOR TO BE ABLE TO SERVE
15 HERE AND TO CONTINUE WHAT MY 17 PREDECESSORS HAVE ALREADY
16 DONE, BECAUSE I'M NUMBER 18. WE ARE HERE SINCE 1952, SO QUITE
17 A WHILE. AND IT'S A GREAT HONOR THAT WE ARE RECOGNIZED HERE BY
18 THE BOARD, AND I PROMISE THAT I WILL DO MY BEST TO WORK VERY
19 CLOSELY WITH YOU ALL. AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH ALSO FOR
20 INVITING US TO L.A.C.M.A. THIS YEAR WITH A WONDERFUL
21 EXHIBITION ON THE RENAISSANCE, WHICH WILL START ON THE 16TH OF
22 NOVEMBER. AND I HOPE THAT YOU ALL WILL BE PRESENT FOR THE
23 INAUGURATION. AND I WILL CONTINUE TO HOPEFULLY BE A GUEST AND
24 A FRIEND OF THE BOARD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU VERY



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1 MUCH FOR THE HONOR, AND I HOPE TO SEE YOU VERY SOON AGAIN.

2 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

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4 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE'RE GOING TO RECOGNIZE VINCE
5 BERESFORD, WHO IS THE NEWLY APPOINTED PRESIDENT OF THE GO FOR
6 BROKE NATIONAL EDUCATION CENTER. ON JUNE 5, 1999, THE GO FOR
7 BROKE MONUMENT WAS DEDICATED IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES RIGHT
8 ACROSS FROM THE JAPANESE MUSEUM, REFLECTING THEIR MOTTO "TO GO
9 FOR BROKE" OR "GIVE IT THEIR ALL." THE GRANITE MONUMENT
10 REMAINS A STRIKING TRIBUTE TO THE NISEI SOLDIERS WHO FOUGHT
11 OVERSEAS IN WORLD WAR II. TODAY THE FOUNDATION CONTINUES ITS
12 WORK IN EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH TO SHARE THE LEGACY OF THE NISEI
13 VETERANS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING THE
14 MUSEUM OF TOLERANCE, THE JAPANESE AMERICAN NATIONAL MUSEUM,
15 THE NATIONAL VETERANS NETWORK. THEY HOPE TO INSPIRE THE NEXT
16 GENERATION TO LIVE IN THE VALUES, THOSE VALUES EMBODIED BY THE
17 NISEI SOLDIERS OF COURAGE, HUMILITY, SELF-SACRIFICE,
18 INTEGRITY, EQUALITY, AND PATRIOTISM. VINCE HAS DEVOTED HIS
19 LIFE TO HELPING THE COMMUNITY. HE SERVES AS AN ADJUNCT
20 PROFESSOR AT AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, WHERE HE CREATED THE
21 EXPERIMENTAL-BASED CURRICULUM. HE SERVED AS THE EXECUTIVE
22 DIRECTOR OF THE CHILD S.H.A.R.E. PROGRAM AND WITH THE HOPE
23 FOUNDATION TO HELP CHILDREN SUFFERING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS. MAY
24 28, THE GO FOR BROKE NATIONAL EDUCATION CENTER WILL OPEN THE
25 DEFINING COURAGE EXHIBITION, A NEW INTERPRETATIVE CENTER THAT



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1 WILL EXPLORE THE CONCEPT OF COURAGE. SO WE WANT TO
2 CONGRATULATE YOU, VINCE. I KNOW I WAS THERE AT THE BEGINNING,
3 WHEN THEY HAD THE FIRST DEDICATION OF THAT MONUMENT. AND,
4 AGAIN, IT'S A TRIBUTE TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SUFFERED SO
5 MUCH AND GAVE SO MUCH TO OUR FREEDOMS TO HELP US WIN THAT
6 WORLD WAR II. SO, CONGRATULATIONS. GOD BLESS. [APPLAUSE.]

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8 **VINCE BERESFORD:** WELL, THANK YOU FOR THIS TREMENDOUS
9 OPPORTUNITY. AND I GUESS I WOULD LOVE TO SHARE THAT THERE'S
10 REALLY -- GO FOR BROKE NATIONAL EDUCATION CENTER EXISTS FOR
11 THREE PURPOSES. AND AS WE'VE TALKED ABOUT ALREADY, WE WANT TO
12 MAKE SURE THAT WE REMEMBER THE INCREDIBLE SACRIFICE THAT WAS
13 MADE FOR US BY THE JAPANESE AMERICAN SOLDIERS, WHO NOT ONLY
14 BECAME THE MOST DECORATED MILITARY UNIT IN MILITARY HISTORY,
15 BUT THEY DID THAT WHILE OVERCOMING INCREDIBLE BOUTS OF RACISM
16 AND THEY HAD THEIR CIVIL RIGHTS AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATED AT
17 THE SAME TIME. AT THE SAME TIME, WE WANT TO EDUCATE PEOPLE.
18 PEOPLE MIGHT EVEN KNOW THE STORY ABOUT THE INCREDIBLE
19 DIFFERENT NUANCES WITHIN THAT STORY. AND ULTIMATELY WE WANT TO
20 INSPIRE PEOPLE. WE WANT TO INSPIRE PEOPLE BY THEIR STORY TO
21 MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN TODAY, WHERE WE DEFINE COURAGE AND
22 ARTICULATE THAT IN A WAY WE CAN AFFECT OUR WORLD TODAY. SO
23 THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. AND THANK YOU FOR THIS GREAT
24 AWARD. THANK YOU, SIR. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** OH, THE DOG WENT TO THE BATHROOM.
2 OKAY. WELL, BETTER OUT THERE THAN OUT HERE. THERE WILL BE A
3 POTTY BREAK FOR LITTLE JET, WHO IS EIGHT WEEKS OLD. AND HE'S A
4 LITTLE COCKER SPANIEL MIX. SO WE'LL WAIT FOR LITTLE JET,
5 BECAUSE WE HAVE PATIENCE, WHICH IS A VIRTUE. RIGHT, SHEILA?
6 HERE IS LITTLE JET. ALL WRUNG OUT. OKAY. LOOK OVER HERE.
7 LITTLE JET'S LOOKING FOR A HOME. SO YOU CAN CALL 562-256-1649.
8 AND LITTLE JET WILL BRING -- MARK IS LOOKING AT LITTLE JET. I
9 KNOW WHEN I WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL, JUNIOR HIGH, I USED TO
10 SUBSCRIBE TO JET MAGAZINE. THIS IS LIKE A LITTLE COVER STORY
11 RIGHT HERE, HUH? JET SAID HE'D LIKE TO RIDE IN A LITTLE RED
12 PORSCHE.

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14 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I'M SORRY. ONLY CATS RIDE IN THE CAR WITH
15 HIM.

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17 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** HIP CATS, HUH?

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19 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** IT'S MY PLEASURE TO HONOR THE GROUP WHO IS
20 UP THE CREEK WITH A PADDLE. SO EVERY YEAR, AS I'M SURE YOU ALL
21 KNOW BECAUSE YOU'RE PAYING ATTENTION, MORE AND MORE PEOPLE
22 KAYAK. AND IT IS THANKS TO ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE LOS ANGELES
23 KAYAK CLUB. THIS CLUB WAS ESTABLISHED IN 2002. IT INTRODUCES
24 NEW PADDLERS TO FLATWATER AND WHITEWATER KAYAKING AND HAS BEEN
25 A LEADER IN DEVELOPING THE LOCAL FACILITIES NEEDED FOR L.A.



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1 COUNTY KAYAKERS. SO PLEASE HELP ME CONGRATULATE AND ANTHEA
2 RAYMOND OF THE L.A. KAYAK CLUB AND THE REST OF THOSE WHO JOIN
3 HER FOR THEIR GREAT WORK IN FOSTERING THIS WONDERFUL WATER
4 SPORT. [APPLAUSE.] OKAY. YOU DREW THE SHORT STRAW.

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6 **ANTHEA RAYMOND:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS HONOR. AND
7 WE'RE REALLY SYMBOLS OF A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO DEDICATE THEIR
8 LIVES TO TEACHING OTHERS. AND I THINK OF KAYAKING AS VERY MUCH
9 A COMMUNITY. AND WHAT'S AMAZING IS WE CAME TO LOS ANGELES FROM
10 NEW ZEALAND, AND WE FOUND ALL OF THESE PEOPLE WHO FROM TOTALLY
11 DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS WHO BONDED THROUGH KAYAKING, THROUGH
12 THESE LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCES. AND SO I JUST SEE THIS AS A
13 CHANCE TO CREATE COMMUNITY ACROSS LOS ANGELES, ACROSS THE
14 WORLD. AND, AGAIN, I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE ALL OF THE OTHER
15 PEOPLE WHO HELP THERE. AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH AGAIN FOR THIS
16 HONOR.

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE WOULD LIKE TO
19 READ IN AN ITEM.

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21 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. ON ITEM
22 28, I'D LIKE TO ASK FOR RECONSIDERATION FOR IT TO BE CONTINUED
23 ONE WEEK TO MAY 17, 2016, INSTEAD OF REFERRED BACK. AND ALSO
24 ON ITEM 41, INSTEAD OF REFERRING THIS ITEM BACK, THE SHERIFF
25 REQUESTS THAT THIS MATTER BE CONTINUED TO MAY 31ST.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE
3 ORDER. VERY GOOD. SECOND. MOVED AND SECONDED WITHOUT
4 OBJECTION.

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6 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THANK YOU.

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8 **RECORDING:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I PLEASE HAVE YOUR
9 ATTENTION. THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
10 SUPERVISORS IS ABOUT TO COMMENCE. A CODE OF CONDUCT WILL NOW
11 BE READ, AND WE REQUEST THAT YOU COMPLY WITH IT TO ENSURE THE
12 EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEETING. MEMBERS OF THE
13 PUBLIC, IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN TODAY'S BOARD
14 HEARING, AND THE BOARD ENCOURAGES SUCH PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER,
15 THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE BALANCED
16 WITH THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE
17 WITH THE ORDERLY COURSE OF THE BOARD'S BUSINESS. ALL ARE
18 REMINDED TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES: SPEAKERS MUST CEASE
19 SPEAKING IMMEDIATELY WHEN THEIR TIME HAS ENDED. PUBLIC COMMENT
20 ON AGENDA ITEMS MUST RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THAT
21 ITEM. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IS LIMITED TO SUBJECTS WITHIN THE
22 JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE
23 RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE WITH BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF.
24 PLEASE REMAIN RESPECTFUL OF THE FORUM AND REFRAIN FROM
25 UTTERING, WRITING OR DISPLAYING PROFANE, PERSONAL,



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1 THREATENING, DEROGATORY, DEMEANING OR OTHER ABUSIVE STATEMENTS
2 TOWARDS THE BOARD, ANY MEMBER THEREOF, STAFF, OR ANY OTHER
3 PERSON. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL OF THE
4 VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SPEAKERS, STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS AND MAY
5 NOT CLAP, CHEER, WHISTLE, OR OTHERWISE DISRUPT THE ORDERLY
6 CONDUCT OF THE MEETING. ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT
7 DISRUPTS THE MEETING IS SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE
8 BOARD MEETING. AND, FINALLY, IF YOU WITNESS CONDUCT OR
9 BEHAVIOR BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT DISRUPTS YOUR
10 ABILITY TO REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING,
11 PLEASE NOTIFY THE SERGEANT AT ARMS OR OTHER COUNTY STAFF.
12 THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

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14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. WE HAVE SPEAKERS NOW THAT
15 HAVE HELD SOME ITEMS. WE'D LIKE TO CALL THEM UP. MOLLIE H. HAS
16 HELD ITEM 12. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL HAS HELD ITEM 1-H, 16,
17 19, 20, 22, 23, AND 51. ERIC PREVEN HAS HELD ITEM 1-P, 12, 16,
18 17, 18, 22, 23, 40, 42, 47, 53-A AND C.S.-4. ARNOLD SACHS HAS
19 HELD ITEM 1-D, 2-H, 1-P, 13, 16, 17, 52 AND C.S.- 1. GO AHEAD,
20 MA'AM.

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22 **MOLLIE H.:** HI, I'M MOLLIE. AND I'M GOING TO SPEAK ON NO. 12.
23 THE LAS VIRGINES HOMEOWNERS' FEDERATION OF THE SANTA MONICA
24 MOUNTAINS STRONGLY AND UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORT AGENDA ITEM NO. 12
25 AND THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY



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1 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CRITICAL
2 NEW SAFETY MEASURES TO PROTECT OUR RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITIES
3 AND VISITORS ALIKE FROM THE ILLEGAL AND DANGEROUS RACING AND
4 OTHER UNSAFE DRIVING BEHAVIORS ON MULHOLLAND HIGHWAY.
5 ACCIDENTS AND INCIDENTS FROM UNLAWFUL MOTORCYCLES AND CARS,
6 SPEEDING COMPETITIONS, AND ACTIVITIES ON THIS SNAKE STRETCH OF
7 MULHOLLAND HAVE BEEN INCREASING AT AN ALARMING RATE. THEY RUN
8 MOTORISTS OFF THE ROAD. THE OVERTURNING CARS AND MOTORCYCLE
9 CRASHES ENDANGER ALL. TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, CROWDS GATHER
10 ROADSIDE TO WATCH THE DANGEROUS SPECTACLES. IN ILLICIT RACING,
11 THE SITUATION HAS CLEARLY ELEVATED INTO OUT OF CONTROL. WE ARE
12 GRATEFUL FOR SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR HER EFFORTS TO SAFEGUARD
13 THIS STRETCH OF MULHOLLAND FOR EVERYONE AND RESPECTFULLY
14 REQUEST THAT YOU ALL SUPPORT THE LAW ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS TO
15 ENHANCE TRAFFIC SAFETY, INCLUDING RESTRICTED PARKING AND NO-
16 STOPPING SIGNS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM.

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20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS. AND
21 ALTHOUGH I DID HOLD VERY MANY ITEMS, I AM ONLY GOING TO
22 CONCENTRATE ON C.S.-1. BY THE WAY, YOU HAVE AN ERROR IN YOUR
23 RECORDS ACCORDING TO YOUR AGENDA. IT SAYS NO REPORTABLE ACTION
24 WAS TAKEN ON C.S.-2 LAST WEEK, WHICH WAS THE ALISO CANYON OR
25 THE PORTER RANCH, BUT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ASKED FOR SOME



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1 INFORMATION BACK. OH, BUT HE DID THAT BEFORE IT WAS CONSIDERED
2 IN CLOSED SESSION. EXCUSE ME. WE DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO TALK
3 ON THAT. BUT NEVERTHELESS, I APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH,
4 AND I'M GOING THE APOLOGIZE FOR BEING A HEMORRHOID, BECAUSE
5 PEOPLE SHOULD TAKE THAT HE IS TRYING TO GET PEOPLE REIMBURSED
6 FOR THEIR COSTS AND EXPENSES, AND I FEEL THAT THAT'S A NOBLE
7 IDEA AND I AM GOING TO TRY AND HELP. SO, KEEP IN MIND THAT
8 WHAT YOU'RE HEARING FROM A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE CRIMINAL CASES OR
9 YOU CAN LOOK AT SOMETHING LIKE THE POWER PLANT THAT SHUT DOWN
10 IN SAN DIEGO THAT WAS JUST REOPENED, THE SAN ONOFRE
11 SETTLEMENT. THAT'S NOT MONEY THAT'S GOING TO GO THE PUBLIC.
12 THAT'S MONEY THAT'S GOING TO BE COLLECTED AS FINES. SO YOU
13 HAVE A CIVIL LAWSUIT CASE ROUTE THAT YOU COULD TAKE. AND YOU
14 SHOULD KEEP THAT IN MIND, BECAUSE SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAS
15 MENTIONED, WHEN I UNFAIRLY ATTACKED HIM, THAT IT WAS THE
16 CITY'S RESPONSIBILITY. KEEP THAT IN MIND. MAKE SURE YOUR
17 LAWYERS HEAR THAT. YOU CAN CHECK MINUTES. MAYBE SUPERVISOR
18 ANTONOVICH WILL MAKE THE COUNTY BOARD MINUTES AVAILABLE TO THE
19 PUBLIC SO THAT IT'LL HELP THEM WHEN THEY ARE PURSUING CIVIL
20 CASES, TO MAKE THEMSELVES WHOLE, BECAUSE EVERYBODY WOULD KNOW
21 THAT THEIR REAL ESTATE PROPERTY VALUES HAVE PLUMMETED BECAUSE
22 OF THE GAS LEAK. THERE WAS ANOTHER ARTICLE THAT STATED THAT
23 ALTHOUGH THE HOMES ARE A MILE AWAY FROM THE LEAKING WELL, THE
24 FACILITY IS 2 MILES LONG. SO YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU'RE
25 SITTING ON THAT. ALSO, LOOK AT THE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION.



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1 THERE WAS AN ARTICLE FROM 1/8/14 THAT STATES THAT ALTHOUGH THE
2 HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION WAS INCORPORATED 1/10/07, IT SOLD ITS
3 FIRST CONDOMINIUM ON 1/10/08. NO OWNERS WERE ON THE BOARD. IN
4 2011, HOMEOWNERS TOOK CONTROL OF THE BOARD FROM THE
5 DEVELOPERS. SO KEEP THAT IN MIND WHEN YOU'RE PURSUING YOUR
6 CIVIL CASES. MAKE SURE YOUR ATTORNEYS KNOW THAT. MAKE SURE,
7 BASED ON WHAT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH MENTIONED ABOUT THE CITY
8 OF LOS ANGELES, THAT YOU CHECK INTO CITY OF LOS ANGELES
9 MINUTES. MAYBE SOME OF THE COUNCILMEMBERS, SUCH AS MARK
10 RIDLEY-THOMAS OR JANICE HAHN, MIGHT HAVE OKAYED SOME OF THAT
11 DEVELOPMENT. THEY PUT YOU IN HARM'S WAY. MAKE SURE YOU GET AS
12 MUCH AS YOU CAN. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAS STEPPED UP. I'M
13 TRYING TO HELP HIM ALONG.

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15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

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17 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
18 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. THE REASON I HELD ALL THOSE ITEMS IS
19 BECAUSE THEY ALL HAVE SOMETHING IN COMMON. THEY ARE INCREASING
20 THE CONTRACT OF THOSE ORGANIZATIONS. YOU KNOW, RECENTLY WE
21 HAVE HAD A DIARRHEA OF SOLE-VENDOR CONTRACTS. AND NOW WE ARE
22 HAVING EXTENSION OF THOSE CONTRACTS WITHOUT NEVER COMING BACK.
23 WHAT'S GOING ON? IT IS VERY WRONG TO HAVE ALL THOSE CONTRACTS
24 EXTENDED. AND I'M SURE MANY OF THEM TO START WERE PROBABLY
25 SOLE VENDER CONTRACTS, BECAUSE LATELY WE HAVE HAD NUMEROUS



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1 ITEMS LIKE THAT. I THINK THIS NEEDS TO STOP. IT IS WRONG TO
2 HAVE ALL THOSE CONTRACTS EXTENDED, SOME OF THEM WITH INCREASE
3 IN PAYMENT, SOME NOT. BUT EITHER WAY, THAT'S NOT A WAY
4 BUSINESS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED, BECAUSE YOU GET A CONTRACT
5 INITIALLY SOLE VENDOR, THEN YOU GET EXTENSION, NOBODY ELSE GET
6 ANY CHANGE. WHAT'S GOING ON? I THINK AUDIT -- THOSE CONTRACTS
7 SHOULD BE AUDIT. THANK YOU. YOU CAN HAVE THE REST OF MY TIME.

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9 **ERIC PREVEN:** OH, THANK YOU. IT IS ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD
10 DISTRICT. TODAY IS A JAMPACKED AGENDA, AND I AGREE. I'M
11 INCREASINGLY WORRIED ABOUT THE SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACTING THAT
12 SEEMS TO BE GOING ON. I KNOW THAT THE SUPERVISOR FROM THE
13 SECOND DISTRICT WAS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THAT. TODAY AT ITEM
14 1-P, A MEASURE OF GRATITUDE IS IN ORDER TO THE EXECUTIVE
15 OFFICER WHO HAS FINALLY AGREED TO POST LINKS TO THE STATEMENT
16 OF PROCEEDINGS. AND I DO APPRECIATE THAT IN THE INTEREST OF
17 OPEN GOVERNMENT AND TRANSPARENCY. I THINK WE'RE CLOSE. WE
18 WOULD BE A LITTLE CLOSER BY LINKING TO THE ACTUAL ITEM SO THAT
19 THE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WOULDN'T HAVE TO SCROLL THROUGH ALL
20 OF THOSE STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS. BUT I THINK WE ARE MOVING
21 QUICKLY INTO THE 21ST CENTURY, AND I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE
22 THAT. 2-P, I HAVE TO SAY I WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE \$350,000,
23 EVEN THOUGH I AM SUPPORTIVE FOR A MONUMENT FOR THE MEMORIAL.
24 IT SEEMS A LOT OF MONEY. I MEAN, CAN'T WE GET SOME ARTISTS TO
25 DO A MORE MUTED EXPENDITURE, SINCE THERE ARE SO MANY PRESSING



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1 ISSUES? ITEM NO. 10, I GUESS, IS GOING TO COME BACK, SPECIAL
2 OR NOT, BUT THIS IS THE MILLIONAIRE TAX. IT IS COMING BACK.
3 MOVING ON. OKAY. ITEM NO. 40 REQUIRES A TEENY BIT OF
4 INVESTIGATION. THIS IS THE -- BELIEVE IT OR NOT WE'RE DOING A
5 DISPATCH RENOVATION. WE HEARD THE OTHER DAY WE WERE DOING A
6 CAFETERIA INSTALLMENT AT THE HALL OF JUSTICE. THIS IS THE HALL
7 OF RECORDS. SO THE HALL OF RECORDS IS NOT THE HALL OF JUSTICE,
8 CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG, BUT WE ARE DOING A RENOVATION THAT IS
9 TAGGED AT \$314,000 AND WE ARE GOING TO DO IT WITH A JOB ORDER
10 CONTRACT, WHICH MEANS THAT A GROUP IS ON TIME AND MATERIALS,
11 WICKHAM, WILL BE DOING THE WORK. THE CONSTRUCTION FOR THE
12 PROJECT IS \$150,000. SO IT RAISES THE QUESTION: WELL, THEN WHY
13 IS THE BUDGET 314? AND THOSE WHO LIKE TO LOOK AT BUDGETS
14 QUICKLY GLANCE AT IT AND THERE ARE ITEMS THAT ARE LISTED. BUT
15 THOSE WHO LIKE TO LOOK A LITTLE MORE DEEPLY REALIZE THAT THE
16 \$164,000 IN ADDITIONAL COSTS ARE KIND OF FUDGED. I MEAN, FIRST
17 OF ALL, HOW COULD WE BE DOING \$2,000 ON A RENOVATION OF A
18 CLOSET OF SOME KIND OR THIS ROOM? HOW COULD WE BE DOING
19 PRINTING AND LEGAL ADVERTISING, \$2,000? AND JURISDICTIONAL
20 REVIEW TO WORK IN OUR OWN BUILDING \$1,500? AND THEN \$60,000,
21 THAT MAY BE REAL FOR FURNITURE AND STUFF, BUT I THOUGHT THE
22 WHOLE POINT OF JOB ORDER CONTRACTING IS WE AVOID DOING THINGS
23 THAT ARE OFF BOOK. CONSULTANT SERVICES, \$5,000? I MEAN, THIS
24 REALLY DOES REQUIRE YOUR ATTENTION. IT'S THE SHERIFF. SO, IF
25 THE SHERIFF CAN'T GET IT STRAIGHT ON A \$314,000 RENOVATION, WE



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1 DO HAVE A PROBLEM, BECAUSE THIS IS A MAN WHO HAS BILLIONS OF
2 DOLLARS THAT HE CAN PUSH THIS WAY AND THAT. AND IT DOES WORRY
3 ME. FROM THE LEGAL CORNER, WHERE NOBODY LIKES TO LOOK, BECAUSE
4 IT IS PAINFUL, WE HAVE A CASE, ITEM 47, WHICH IS A CASE
5 INVOLVING CRAIG AND WENDY HUMPHRIES VERSUS THE COUNTY OF L.A.
6 A LONG TIME AGO IN 2001 THERE WAS A WRONGFUL DETENTION IN THE
7 D.C.F.S. ENVIRONMENT, AND IT RESULTED IN THEM BEING TAGGED AS
8 BAD PEOPLE ON A LIST. BUT WE HAVE SPENT \$2.4 MILLION IN
9 SETTLEMENT. WE HAVE SPENT OVER A MILLION DOLLARS DEFENDING
10 AGAINST THIS CASE. AND IT IS PAINFUL. IT IS PAINFUL, BECAUSE
11 YOU HEAR ABOUT PEOPLE, NOT SO RECENTLY, BUT GRIEVING ABOUT
12 THOSE VARIOUS ISSUES. AND I WILL TAKE HER MINUTE IF IT'S
13 APPROPRIATE. I HAVE A COUPLE MORE, IF YOU DON'T MIND. SO THAT
14 CASE IS ITEM 47.

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16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IT'S TIME.

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18 **ERIC PREVEN:** ITEM 45 -- TIME WHAT?

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20 **ATTORNEY:** SHE CEDED HER TIME TO YOU, BUT THEN, HAS THAT TIME
21 RUN PLUS YOUR ADDITIONAL TIME? ONE MORE MINUTE? ALL RIGHT. HE
22 HAS ONE MORE MINUTE.

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24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ONE MORE MINUTE.

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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** [GOING OFF MIC.] LET'S KEEP IT BETWEEN US.
2 THERE'S NO REASON TO AMPLIFY IT OR PUT IT ON THE RECORD, SIR.
3 DO YOU? ALL RIGHT, FINE. I APPRECIATE THE ADHERENCE TO THE
4 RULE THERE. ITEM NO. 37, WHICH I BELIEVE HAS BEEN CONTINUED
5 BUT I WANTED TO RAISE IT UP, HAS TO DO WITH THE SHERIFF'S
6 DEPARTMENT RECEIVING SOME MONEY FOR BOATING SAFETY. BOATING
7 SAFETY IS A CRITICAL DIMENSION TO THE MARINA AND TO THE
8 COASTLINE. AND AS KUEHL AND KNABE KNOW, WHO HAVE DISTRICTS
9 THAT ABUT THE OCEAN DIRECTLY, WE HAVE TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN
10 TO MAKE SURE THAT THE WATERS ARE SAFE AND THAT THE SHERIFF HAS
11 AMPLE FUNDS TO PROVIDE THAT WORK. THE SHERIFF'S STATION IS
12 RIGHT THERE IN MARINA DEL REY NEAR A LITTLE PLOT THAT THIS
13 EVENING THERE WILL BE AN ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERING HEARING ON
14 CALLED BOAT CENTRAL. THEY'RE GOING TO TRY TO PUT UP A --
15 BELIEVE IT OR NOT, SIR, I KNOW THAT ON A DAY WHEN WE'RE TAXING
16 THE MILLIONAIRES, THIS IS AN ITEM THAT IS GOING TO LOAD BOATS
17 AUTOMATICALLY INTO THE WATER, AUTOMATICALLY MEANING THROUGH AN
18 AUTOMATED SYSTEM. NOW, WHEN WE BROUGHT THIS TO THE COASTAL
19 COMMISSION, WHICH SUPERVISOR KUEHL IS A BIG CHAMPION, SHE'S
20 VERY INVOLVED IN THAT STUFF, THEY BARELY APPROVED IT. THERE
21 WERE MULTIPLE EX PARTE MEETINGS WITH WENDY MITCHELL AND THE
22 LIKE WHO WERE ROLLING THEIR EYES COLLECTIVELY AT HOW CAN WE BE
23 DOING THIS IN 2016? HOW CAN WE BE INSTALLING SUCH AN OBVIOUSLY
24 SORT OF FOR THE PRIVILEGED GROUP, BECAUSE IT'S NOT GOING TO BE
25 AFFORDABLE AND THERE IS NO WAY TO MAKE THESE THINGS WORK. AND



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1 THE COASTAL COMMISSION SORT OF FAILED TO THE STAFF, BRING IT
2 FORWARD TO THE COMMISSION IN A WAY THAT WAS CLEAR. SO THAT'S
3 BEEN CHALLENGED IN ITS OWN WAY. BUT TONIGHT WE'LL HEAR FROM
4 THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE MARINA DEL REY. AND I WOULD
5 URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO COME AND LISTEN TO YOUR
6 CONSTITUENTS ABOUT WHY THIS IS PROBLEMATIC. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

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10 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS
11 ARE BEFORE YOU. OH, I'M SORRY. YOU HAVE ONE MORE.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YEAH, WE HAVE ONE MORE SPEAKER. GERI
14 MANNING. SHE'S HELD ITEM -- THE ITEM'S BEEN HELD 19. GERI
15 MANNING?

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17 **GERI MANNING:** GOOD MORNING.

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19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MORNING, MA'AM.

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21 **GERI MANNING:** I'M FINE, HOW ARE YOU? I WANT TO SPEAK ON
22 PSYCHIATRIC HEALTH. GERIATRICS WAS NAMED AFTER ME TO MATCH MY
23 NAME WITH A SERIOUS PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL ILLNESS AT AT U.C.L.A.
24 AND OTHER HIGH-PROFILE MENTAL INSTITUTIONS. THEREIN IS MY
25 CLAIM FOR CRIMES AGAINST MY HUMANITY RIGHTS ISSUES, WHEREFORE



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1 I AM DIAGNOSED WITH THE MENTAL ILLNESS SCHIZOPHRENIA AFTER A
2 MASSIVE MEDIA INTERRUPTION OF MY FAITH. C.N.N. HAS LED ME TO
3 BELIEVE THAT THE LORD GOD JESUS CHRIST HAS LEFT ME BEHIND. AS
4 A RESULT, SATAN HAS ENTERED INTO MY BODY AND HAS CAUSED ME TO
5 LEAVE BOTH OF MY DAUGHTERS SHARINAS MANNING BALCONY ON THE
6 THIRD FLOOR. I DIED. THE LORD GOD JESUS CHRIST HAD BROUGHT ME
7 BACK TO LIFE. AND WHEN I CLOSE MY EYES, I SEE HELL. SUPERVISOR
8 MICHAEL ANTONOVICH WAS IN MY DAUGHTER'S APARTMENT LAST NIGHT
9 AS THE DEVIL. IT'S NOT FUNNY, HILDA SOLIS. YOU SAY IN YOUR
10 PREVIOUS LIFE THAT YOU'VE BEEN WORKING ON POVERTY ISSUES. I
11 ADMONISH YOU TO BE MINDFUL OF MY CASE AGAINST THE SKULLS AND
12 BONES COMMUNITY AND NOT MAKE LIGHT OF IT. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH
13 WAS IN MY APARTMENT AND HE DID TELL ME THAT THE QUEEN OF
14 ENGLAND, QUEEN ELIZABETH II WANTED TO HELP ME, BUT I CHOOSE TO
15 SERVE THE LORD GOD JESUS CHRIST. I DON'T WANT THE QUEEN'S
16 HELP. I AM FACING A MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE RIGHT NOW. THE CASE
17 SHOULD HAVE BEEN DISMISSED, BUT THEY REFERRED IT TO A MENTAL
18 HEALTH CASE NOW. AND NOW YOU HAVE MENTAL HEALTH ON YOUR
19 AGENDA, AND THEREFORE I AM TAKING IT UP WITH THE COUNTY FOR
20 THE PERSECUTION AND OPPRESSION AND DEPRIVATION I'VE
21 EXPERIENCED FROM THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. IT'S NOT FUNNY.
22 IT'S VERY SERIOUS. THE LORD GOD JESUS CHRIST IS MY GOD. HE IS
23 MY KING. HE IS RETURNING. HE HAS COME BACK TO JUDGE BOTH THE
24 LIVING AND THE DEAD, AND YOU ALL ARE DEAD. JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE
25 IN THE FLESH DOES NOT MAKE YOU ALIVE. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THERE IS SOMEONE THAT CAN SPEAK TO
3 YOU FROM DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. IF YOU'LL JUST WAIT, THE
4 STAFF WILL DIRECT YOU. LET'S CONTINUE OUR ITEM.

5

6 **GERI MANNING:** WHAT IS THIS REGARDING?

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8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** REGARDING YOUR ISSUE. YOU CAN MEET
9 WITH OUR MENTAL HEALTH STAFF. YOU'LL JUST BE ESCORTED DOWN THE
10 WALKWAY THERE. OKAY. LET'S MOVE ON.

11

12 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS
13 ARE BEFORE YOU, ITEM 1-D, 1-H, 2-H, 1-P, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18,
14 19, 20, 22, 23, 40, 42, 47, 51, 52 AND 53-A.

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16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THOSE ITEMS ARE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
17 ANTONOVICH. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION. SUCH WILL BE THE
18 ORDER. MEMBERS, WE'RE GOING TO MOVE TO ITEM NO. 3 QUICKLY.
19 THAT IS SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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21 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, MADAME CHAIR, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I HELD
22 THE ITEM. IT'S MY ITEM. I JUST REMIND EVERYONE, WHEN WE
23 STARTED THE -- CREATED ACTUALLY 20 YEARS AGO THE SAFE HOUSE
24 PROGRAM, WE HAD NO IDEA AT THAT POINT THAT OUR CHILDREN WOULD
25 NEED ADDITIONAL PROTECTION FROM THE MONSTERS LOOKING TO



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1 SEXUALLY EXPLOIT THEM. OFTENTIMES THESE VICTIMS HAVE NO PLACE
2 TO GO TO HELP AND END UP GOING BACK TO THEIR PIMP, TRAFFICKER,
3 WHERE THEY ARE SUBJECTED TO MORE ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION. WE'VE
4 MADE INCREDIBLE STRIDES TO COMBAT CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING OF
5 MINORS ACROSS OUR REGION AND SUPPORT THE VICTIMS OF THIS
6 HORRIFIC CRIME. BUT THERE'S STILL A LOT MORE THAT WE CAN DO.
7 THE SAFE HOUSE PROGRAM IS VERY SIMILAR TO OUR SAFE SURRENDER
8 PROGRAM, WHERE THEY ARE EASILY IDENTIFIED BY THE WHITE AND
9 BLUE PLACARDS THAT WE HAVE AT FIRE STATIONS AND HOSPITALS.
10 SINCE WE IMPLEMENTED THAT PROGRAM IN 2001, 145 145 NEWBORN
11 BABIES HAVE BEEN SAVED. FOR THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS, OUR
12 INTEGRATED LEADERSHIP TEAM HAS BEEN WORKING ON WAYS TO REBRAND
13 AND EXPAND THE SAFE HOUSE PROGRAM TO CREATE SAFE HARBORS FOR
14 VICTIMS OF CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING. THESE ARE NOT LOCKED
15 FACILITIES BUT COUNTY FACILITIES EASILY IDENTIFIABLE TO KIDS
16 AND STAFF BY ADULTS WHO CAN OFFER THAT PROTECTION. SO I
17 BELIEVE RIGHT NOW IS THE APPROPRIATE TIME TO MOVE FORWARD WITH
18 DEVELOPING A PROTOCOL TO HELP THESE VICTIMS SEEK HELP AND A
19 STRATEGY TO IMPLEMENT. AND WITH THAT, MADAME CHAIR, I WOULD
20 MOVE THE ITEM.

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22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE TWO SPEAKERS BEFORE WE VOTE
23 ON THE ITEM, ERIC PREVEN AND ARNOLD SACHS.



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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** IT IS ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT, AND I
2 JUST WANT TO SAY I'M SUPPORTIVE OF THIS MOVE. AND I'M
3 SUPPORTIVE OF A NAME CHANGE, AS WELL. YOU KNOW, MY CAREER AS A
4 WRITER, SOMETIMES IT JUST FEELS LIKE THERE'S AN EXTRA WORD IN
5 THERE. BUT I DO LIKE THE IDEA OF CHANGING IT FROM SAFE HOUSE
6 TO SAFE ZONE. AND BY ADDING YOUTH, WHICH IS THE THIRD WORD,
7 THAT MAKES IT A LITTLE LONGER, OF COURSE IT DOES EARMARK THAT
8 IT'S A SAFE ZONE FOR YOUTH, WHICH IS IMPORTANT, BUT I'D JUST
9 LIKE THE IDEA THAT IT'S A SAFE ZONE FOR ANYONE. AND IF THEY
10 HAPPEN TO BE 18 INSTEAD OF 17, SO, I DON'T KNOW. BRANDING
11 MATTERS. TODAY YOU'RE SPENDING A LOT OF ITEM ON 22 WITH
12 C.B.S., INC. ON BRANDING FOR VARIOUS MESSAGES OF H.I.V. AND
13 S.T.D.S AND THEN OTHER ONES. THERE'S ANOTHER. ITEM 23 IS ALSO
14 RELATED TO EXPENDITURES TO GET THE WORD OUT. SO I APPLAUD THE
15 SUPERVISOR FOR TAKING A LEADING ROLE HERE. THANKS.

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17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

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19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. AND
20 I'M SOMEWHAT UPSET WITH MYSELF. I WAS JUST LOOKING AT A PAPER
21 THAT WAS PUT OUT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION THAT ACTUALLY
22 DIRECTLY TALKED ABOUT THIS PROGRAM. AND WHAT WAS FASCINATING
23 IN THAT PAPER, I BELIEVE THE INTERIM PROBATION DIRECTOR, I'LL
24 BRING IT NEXT WEEK, MENTIONED THAT THE COUNTY COMMERCIAL
25 SEXUALLY EXPLOITED CHILDREN IS ONE AGENCY AND THE INTEGRATED



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1 LEADERSHIP TEAM IS ANOTHER AGENCY. THEY'RE ON THE SAME TRACK.
2 AND THE NUMBER OF HOMES AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY A
3 COUNTY OF 10 MILLION PEOPLE, APPROXIMATELY HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE
4 CONSIDERED UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING? AND I
5 DISAGREE WITH PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES LABELING THIS AS A YOUTH
6 ZONE, BECAUSE THERE ARE OTHER PEOPLE THAT ARE COMMERCIALY
7 EXPLOITED FOR SEXUAL TRAFFICKING. ADULTS GET COMMERCIALY
8 EXPLOITED. IMMIGRANTS GET COMMERCIALY EXPLOITED. ACTUALLY
9 IT'S THE NEW NUMBER-ONE SOURCE OF INCOME FOR ILLEGAL
10 ACTIVITIES, BECAUSE THERE'S NO, QUOTE/UNQUOTE, VICTIM. THERE'S
11 NO DRUGS TO DELIVER. THERE'S NOTHING. YOU JUST BRING THE
12 PEOPLE IN AND YOU PUT THEM TO WORK. SO WHO DO THEY TURN TO?
13 WHO INVESTIGATES THOSE CRIMES? ILLEGAL WORKERS IN SWEAT SHOPS,
14 EXPLOITED. IT'S AN UMBRELLA-TYPE THING. AND SO BY LIMITING IT
15 TO YOUTH, YOU'RE EXCLUDING THOSE OTHER PEOPLE. YOU'RE
16 EXCLUDING THE PUBLIC. I WOULD SAY IT'S A NOBLE IDEA FROM
17 SUPERVISOR KNABE, BUT THAT MAKES ME WANT TO CHOKE. SO, THESE
18 OTHER GROUPS, IS THERE A PROGRAM FOR THEM TO TURN TO?

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, MOVE THE ITEM.

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22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. THE ITEM'S BEEN MOVED AND
23 SECONDED, WITHOUT OBJECTION. BEFORE WE HEAR OUR SPECIAL ORDER,
24 WE HAVE ONE MORE ITEM TO TAKE UP THAT I THINK WE CAN DISPOSE
25 OF. ITEM NO. 2, AND THAT IS SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND KUEHL.



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SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH: THE MOTION BEFORE US WOULD BE TO
CREATE ONE-STOP CENTERS ALL OVER THE COUNTY AND NOT JUST ONE
REGIONAL ONE STOP IN ALHAMBRA. THAT'S WHAT WE HAD ON THE
AGENDA. TO DO THAT WOULD REQUIRE ADDITIONAL SPACE AND
LOCATIONS, WOULD TAKE A LOT OF TIME. IN THE MEANTIME, I WOULD
LIKE TO SEE THAT WE WOULD MOVE FORWARD WITH THE ALHAMBRA ONE
STOP, AND THEN YOU CAN DIRECT THE REGIONAL PLANNING DEPARTMENT
AND THE C.E.O. TO EXPLORE THE COST AND LOGISTICS IF WE WOULD
ESTABLISH SIMILAR ONES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
THIS WAY WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THE ALHAMBRA PROJECT, WHICH HAS
ALREADY BEEN THROUGH THE PROCESS AND THAT THE DEPARTMENT
SUPPORTS. AND MR. KNABE'S MOTION LOOKING AT HAVING OTHERS
COULD BE STUDIED FOR A REPORT BACK AT A LATER TIME. SO WHAT I
WOULD LIKE TO DO TO AMEND SUPERVISOR KNABE'S MOTION IS READ
THAT WE WOULD SUPPORT THE ONE STOP IN ALHAMBRA, AS RECOMMENDED
BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING DEPARTMENT, AND HIS MOTION FOR ONE-
STOP CENTERS ALL OVER THE COUNTY WOULD BE REVIEWED, EXPLORED
BY REGIONAL PLANNING AND THE C.E.O. WITH A LATER REPORT BACK
TO THE BOARD WHEN THAT STUDY WOULD BE DONE.

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SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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SUP. SHEILA KUEHL: WELL, I WAS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT A WAY THAT
WE MIGHT, AND AS LONG AS WE'RE EXPLORING THESE ISSUES ABOUT

25



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1 WHETHER THERE SHOULD BE ONE PLACE WHERE EVERYBODY GOES OR MANY
2 PLACES WHERE EVERYBODY CAN GO AND GET MULTIPLE SERVICES, THAT
3 IT'S POSSIBLE THAT WE'RE NOT TAKING ADVANTAGE OF TECHNOLOGY,
4 AS WELL, IN TERMS OF REGISTERING ONLINE, FILING DOCUMENTS
5 ONLINE, EVEN SKYPEING OR WHATEVER, YOU KNOW, TWO-WAY VIDEO, SO
6 THAT PEOPLE CAN GO TO A PLACE, TALK TO ALL THE PEOPLE THEY
7 WANT TO TALK TO AND POTENTIALLY NOT HAVE TO HAVE EVERYBODY IN
8 ONE PLACE. IT SEEMS KIND OF 21ST-CENTURY. SO I WANTED TO
9 PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION THAT WOULD FOLLOW ON THE
10 SENTENCE THAT SAYS "THE PLAN SHOULD INCLUDE A COMPARISON OF
11 BUDGET SCENARIOS FOR LOCAL ONE-STOP CENTER EXPANSION AND THE
12 DEVELOPMENT OF A REGIONAL ONE STOP CENTER," WHICH IS WHAT I
13 THINK WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT. THIS AMENDMENT WOULD ADD
14 "COMMA, AN ASSESSMENT OF THE POTENTIAL TO EMPLOY E-CONSULT OR
15 VIDEO CONFERENCING FOR CONSULTATION WITH OTHER COUNTY
16 DEPARTMENTS AND A DISCUSSION OF HOW EACH OPTION RELATES TO THE
17 COUNTY'S DESIRE TO EXPAND THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL
18 PLANNING'S EPIC L.A. PERMITTING SYSTEM TO CREATE AN INTEGRATED
19 ONLINE INTERFACE FOR ALL COUNTY PERMITS."

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21 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, I THINK THAT'S A GREAT AMENDMENT. MY
22 MOTION, I THOUGHT, IMPLIED THAT BUT THAT'S VERY SPECIFIC, AND
23 I THINK THAT'S AN EXCELLENT IDEA.

24
25 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THEN WE'LL JUST MAKE IT MANIFEST.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** NO, I AGREE. NO, I AGREE.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO, YOU ACCEPT THAT?

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** ABSOLUTELY.

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8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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10 **SUP. KNABE:** I MEAN, I SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT. AND THEN WITH MY
11 MOTION -- I DON'T SUPPORT MOVING FORWARD WITH THE ALHAMBRA,
12 THE ONE THAT MIKE BROUGHT IN AT THIS POINT.

13

14 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD SAY MOVING FORWARD WITH
15 ALHAMBRA AND WITH THE SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND SUPERVISOR KNABE'S
16 MOTION FOR A STUDY REPORT BACK, BECAUSE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT
17 WE MOVE FORWARD. THE DEPARTMENT ALREADY IS IN SUPPORT OF THE
18 ALHAMBRA. THEY'VE BEEN WORKING ON THAT. AND IF WE ARE
19 INTERESTED IN HELPING TO CREATE JOBS, WE CAN HIT THE GROUND
20 RUNNING IN DOING THAT BY SIMPLIFYING THE PROCESS. AND ALSO
21 HAVING THE STUDY BACK FROM THE TWO AMENDMENTS BY SUPERVISOR
22 KUEHL AND KNABE ACHIEVES THEIR GOAL, AS WELL, IS TO HAVE THAT
23 STUDY. OTHERWISE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A LONG DELAY IN STUDIES
24 BEFORE WE IMPLEMENT.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** NO. WE'VE GOT MAY 24TH. THE WHOLE SITUATION WITH
2 ALHAMBRA IS COMING BACK, CORRECT?

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SACHI HAMAI, OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE
5 OFFICER?

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7 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** SO, SUPERVISORS, JUST TO CLARIFY, A
8 COUPLE WEEKS AGO THERE WAS A MOTION BY YOUR BOARD INSTRUCTING
9 US TO COME BACK WITH THE FEASIBILITY OF LOOKING AT THE
10 ALHAMBRA SITE, POTENTIALLY SPLITTING THAT UP AND KEEPING A
11 PORTION OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING STAFF DOWNTOWN AND THEN
12 PUTTING SOME AT THE OFFSITE LOCATION. WE ARE -- I THINK THE
13 REPORT BACK WAS WITHIN THE NEXT 60 DAYS. PERHAPS -- I KNOW
14 THIS REPORT BACK IS IN TWO WEEKS. OUR STAFF HAD MET YESTERDAY
15 WITH ALL OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE
16 REGIONAL ONE STOP. PERHAPS WE COULD COME BACK.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** ISN'T IT SUPPOSED TO COME BACK MAY 24TH? AREN'T
19 YOU COMING BACK MAY 24TH?

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WHY DON'T WE POSTPONE AT LEAST THIS
22 ITEM UNTIL WE GET BACK INFORMATION, BECAUSE I, TOO, HAVE
23 CONCERNS ABOUT MOVING FORWARD WITH THE ALHAMBRA.

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1 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** IT IS MAY 24TH. SO WE'LL BE COMING BACK,
2 AND THIS WOULD BE IN SYNC WITH THAT IF WE COULD REPORT BACK AT
3 THE SAME TIME ON ALL OF THESE MOTIONS, TO PUT THEM TOGETHER
4 AND WE'LL HAVE ONE REPORT.

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6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I THINK WE'RE ON THE RIGHT TRACK,
7 THOUGH. I MEAN, I LIKE THE FACT THAT WE'RE GOING TO USE
8 DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY. IT IS IMPORTANT, AND I REFER TO WHAT WE
9 HAVE IN EAST L.A. WE HAVE A PERMITTING, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE A
10 SLEW OF ONE-STOP DEPARTMENTS THERE WHERE PEOPLE COULD JUST
11 COME UP, BECAUSE SOME FOLKS DON'T HAVE ACCESS AS READILY TO
12 THE INTERNET OR JUST THE FACT THAT IT'S CLOSER ON THE GROUND
13 FOR PEOPLE TO COME TO AND BE ABLE TO COME AND SPEAK TO SOMEONE
14 IN PERSON IN THEIR LANGUAGE, WHICH IS ALSO REALLY IMPORTANT,
15 AS WELL. I'M JUST THROWING THAT OUT. BUT I LIKE THE IDEA THAT
16 WE KIND OF PUT THIS ALL TOGETHER AND THEN BRING IT BACK.

17

18 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** SO MAY 24TH WE'LL REPORT BACK.

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20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IF THAT'S OKAY, MIKE?

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22 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** ALL TOGETHER, THAT'S FINE.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT WE WE INCLUDE OUR CONCERNS WHICH
25 I THINK WILL HELP US.



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2 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** BECAUSE IN THE MOTION, IT ASKS FOR A
3 COMPARISON OF COSTS, AS WELL, WHICH I THINK WE OUGHT TO LOOK
4 AT BEFORE WE SAY LET'S GO ALL WAYS OR ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.

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6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO WE'LL BRING THIS BACK ON MAY 24TH.

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8 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT WE'RE STILL ACTING UPON MY MOTION AND OUR
9 MOTION AND SHEILA'S AMENDMENT, CORRECT?

10

11 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** IT'S ALL TOGETHER COMING BACK ON THE
12 24TH.

13

14 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** IT'S A REPORT, RIGHT, AND WE'LL REPORT
15 BACK ON THE 24TH.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES. SO WE HAVE ANY OTHER COMMENTS
18 FROM THE BOARD ON THAT? WE DO HAVE ERIC PREVEN, WHO WOULD LIKE
19 TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM BEFORE WE VOTE.

20

21 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT IS ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD
22 DISTRICT. AND I'D LIKE TO THANK THE MAYOR FOR STAYING AFTER
23 THIS. THIS HAS BEEN A VERY LONG ROAD. HIS EFFORT TO ANNUALLY
24 PROVIDE TESTIMONY THAT IT IS HARD FOR PEOPLE TO GET PERMITS IN
25 ONE SPOT, AND WE ARE FINALLY MOVING IN THAT DIRECTION IN



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1 ALHAMBRA, IT SOUNDS LIKE. AND THEN IT SOUNDS LIKE THERE'S A
2 SLIGHT DELAY TO FOLLOW-UP IN THE REST OF THE COUNTY WHICH
3 SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S EXCELLENT SUGGESTION TO INCLUDE TECHNOLOGY
4 IN 2016. AND I AGREE, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, NOT EVERYBODY IS
5 ACCESSING EVERYTHING ON THE COMPUTER, SO IT'S IMPORTANT TO --
6 HERE'S A SIMPLE PROPOSAL. LET'S MOVE FORWARD WITH ALHAMBRA.
7 LET'S MOVE FORWARD IMMEDIATELY WITH EXPANDING SOME OTHER
8 CENTERS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTY, AND LET'S GET A PRICE
9 WHAT IT COSTS TO STICK ONE OF BRUCKNER'S GUYS OR GALS, A
10 REGIONAL PLANNING PERSON IN THAT OFFICE, AND LET'S HAVE THE
11 REGIONAL PLANNING PEOPLE INTERFACE WITH THE OTHER COUNTY
12 DEPARTMENTS USING THE COUNTY'S VERY, VERY GOOD AND GETTING
13 BETTER TECHNOLOGY THAT WILL THEN PROVIDE WHAT MR. KNABE'S
14 ALWAYS BEEN AFTER, WHICH IS A KIND OF A CONCIERGE SERVICE FOR
15 PEOPLE WHO ARE SEEKING THE APPROPRIATE COUNTY PERMITS, SO THAT
16 THE BURDEN IS SHIFTED SLIGHTLY OFF OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE TO
17 DRIVE AROUND RUSH HOUR TRAFFIC LIKE LUNATICS AND ON TO THE
18 FOLKS WHO ARE PROVIDING THIS VERY GOOD PERMITTING SYSTEM. SO,
19 I THINK THAT THAT WOULD BE A GREAT IDEA, AND I KNOW THAT
20 TOMORROW IS A BUDGET HEARING. SO, IF THE C.E.O. COULD MAKE AT
21 LEAST A PROPOSAL OF HOW MUCH THAT WOULD COST, THAT WOULD
22 CERTAINLY BE PRACTICALLY NOTHING, BY THE WAY, BECAUSE THIS IS
23 ABOUT RESHUFFLING THE VERY, VERY NICE ASSETS THAT WE CURRENTLY
24 HAVE HERE AT THE COUNTY. SO THIS IS A VERY, VERY EXCITING



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1 TIME. AND I'M SO PLEASED TO SEE THE UNITY AMONG ALL OF YOU ON
2 THIS. SO THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ONE MORE. ARNOLD SACHS ON THIS ITEM.

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6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING AGAIN. ARNOLD
7 SACHS. WHILE YOU ADDRESSED THIS ONE- STOP SHOPPING CENTER, YOU
8 DON'T ADDRESS ANY OF THE CONSTRAINTS ON THE ZONING LAWS. SO I
9 HAD A FEW ARTICLES HERE. THIS WAS A STORY ABOUT A DEVELOPMENT
10 AT THE V.A. THAT TOOK 10 YEARS TO DEVELOP AND A STORY ABOUT
11 RETAIL HOUSING BY U.S.C. THAT TOOK NINE YEARS TO DEVELOP AND A
12 STORY ABOUT JORDAN DOWNS NOT BEING ABLE TO GET MONEY, BECAUSE
13 THEY MISSED A CHANCE FOR AN APPLICATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT.
14 YOU'RE NOT ADDRESSING THE ZONING. THE PERMITTING SYSTEM? WELL,
15 LAST WEEK YOU REPORTED THAT THERE'S OVER 8,000 BUSINESSES THAT
16 DON'T HAVE BUSINESS LICENSES. AND INCLUDING ON THIS AGENDA
17 ITEM, WHICH IS FASCINATING, AND YOU'VE DISCUSSED ALHAMBRA,
18 IT'S NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA. AND MS. SOLIS, YOU MENTIONED
19 PEOPLE DO NOT HAVE ACCESS. WELL, IF PEOPLE DON'T HAVE ACCESS
20 TO GET THE AGENDA AND THEY GO BY WHAT'S WRITTEN ON THE AGENDA,
21 THERE'S NO MENTION OF YOUR DISCUSSION REGARDING ALHAMBRA. AND
22 ISN'T THAT, IN FACT, A VIOLATION OF THE BROWN ACT THAT YOU
23 NEED TO HAVE ITEMS AGENDIZED SO THAT THE PUBLIC IS AWARE OF
24 WHAT'S BEING DISCUSSED? THERE'S NOT ON WORD, NOT EVEN --

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1 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** IT'S RELATED TO THE ITEM, SIR. IT'S
2 RELATED. IT'S PART OF THE CONVERSATION.

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4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS THAT ARE RELATED.

5

6 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** NO, WE COMPLIED WITH THE BROWN ACT,
7 SIR, ON THAT ISSUE.

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9 **ARNOLD SACHS:** BUT IT'S NOT HERE, BECAUSE AS MS. SOLIS
10 MENTIONED, PEOPLE WHO DO NOT HAVE ACCESS..

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12 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, I MOVE THE ITEM.

13

14 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ..WOULD NOT HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE THAT IT'S RELATED
15 TO THAT ITEM, BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE ACCESS.

16

17 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** THE LAW REQUIRES THAT BROWN ACT COVERS
18 SITUATIONS WHERE THE ISSUE IS RELATED TO THE ITEM ON THE
19 AGENDA.

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21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** BUT IT DOESN'T COVER PUBLIC NOTIFICATION, MA'AM.

22

23 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** YES, IT DOES, SIR.

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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** AND THAT'S WHAT'S IMPORTANT. NO, IT DOESN'T. IT
2 DOESN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT IT.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** MOVE THE ITEM, MADAME CHAIR.

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6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. AND THIS IS
7 THE REVISED MOTION BY KNABE AND MYSELF AS AMENDED BY KUEHL.
8 AND IT HAS BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION. WITH
9 THE NOTICE THAT WE'LL GET A REPORT BACK ON MAY 23RD REGARDING
10 ALL OF THIS INFORMATION. THANK YOU. NOW WE HAVE ARRIVED. AT
11 THE SPECIAL HOUR. WE HAVE BEFORE US ITEM P-1 AND ITEM NO. 10.
12 THIS IS A MOTION BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. AND WE HAVE --
13 WE'LL HEAR FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS, AND THEN WE HAVE A LIST OF
14 23 SPEAKERS. ANYONE OTHER THAN THAT WILL THEN BE GIVEN --
15 WE'LL GO BACK TO THE REGULAR TIME ALLOTTED TO SPEAKERS ON
16 THAT. SO THE 23 WILL BE GIVEN THEIR TWO MINUTES EACH.
17 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
20 BOARD. I'M PLEASED TO HAVE THIS DISCUSSION AS A FOLLOWUP TO --
21 AND MADAME CHAIR, WE'RE GOING ASK THE SERGEANTS IF THEY WOULD
22 CAUSE THOSE WHO ARE --

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24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** CAN WE PLEASE HAVE THE AUDIENCE
25 SEATED?



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** BUT IT'S THE STAFF OVER HERE THAT I'M
3 REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT.

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5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** BUT WE'RE LOOKING AT EVERYONE. SO,
6 I'M SEEING -- WE'LL MINIMIZE THE CHATTER OUT THERE, TOO. THANK
7 YOU.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IMPORTANT ITEM, MADAME CHAIR, AND IT SEEMS
10 TO ME THAT WE SHOULD BE FULLY FOCUSED. WE HAVE MADE THIS A
11 PRIORITY. WE HAVE SAID THAT HOMELESSNESS IS THE ISSUE OF
12 CONSEQUENCE FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THE RECENT DATA
13 THAT HAS BEEN PRESENTED US THIS PAST WEEK BY L.A.H.S.A., THE
14 AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HOMELESS COUNT, MAKES IT ABUNDANTLY
15 CLEAR THAT HOMELESSNESS HAS INCREASED FROM 2015 TO 2016. WE
16 HAD A CLEAR SENSE THAT THERE WERE CONCERNS ABOUT THIS MATTER,
17 AND YET WE HAVE FULL UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE ARE NO SELF-
18 CORRECTING FEATURES ABSENT OUR INTERVENTION. THIS IS WHY WE
19 LAUNCHED AN UNPRECEDENTED SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS COUNTY-WIDE
20 LED BY THE OFFICE OF THE C.E.O. AND BROUGHT A VERY COMPELLING
21 REPORT BACK TO THIS BOARD WHICH WE ADOPTED EARLIER THIS YEAR.
22 AND SO WE HAVE BEEN DELIBERATIVE. WE HAVE BEEN FIXED ON DUE
23 DILIGENCE. WE HAVE BEEN COMPREHENSIVE. WE HAVE BEEN INCLUSIVE.
24 MADAME CHAIR, I CONSIDER THIS TO BE ANOTHER STEP ON THAT
25 JOURNEY AND IN THAT SAME VEIN. IT IS CLEAR TO ME IN LIGHT OF



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1 THE RECENT DATA THAT IT IS TIME FOR US TO ACT. WE HAVE BEEN
2 ENGAGED IN A CAREFUL REVIEW. I'M GOING TO ASK A SERIES OF
3 QUESTIONS TO THOSE WHO ARE AT THE TABLE FROM THE RESPECTIVE
4 DEPARTMENTS, COUNTY COUNSEL AND THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE, SO THAT
5 WE CAN PROCEED IN OUR CONVERSATION IN AN ORDERLY AND
6 THOUGHTFUL MANNER. MADAME CHAIR, IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT IT
7 WOULD BE USEFUL IF STAFF WOULD PROVIDE A CONTEXT FOR THIS
8 MOTION, INCLUDING A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE EFFORTS IN WHICH
9 THE STAFF HAS BEEN ENGAGED TO IDENTIFY ONGOING REVENUE-
10 GENERATING OPTIONS THAT WOULD ALLOW THE BOARD TO SUSTAIN THE
11 PRIORITY. IN OTHER WORDS, THERE'S BEEN A ONE-TIME COMMITMENT
12 TO THE EFFORT. BUT ALL OF US IN A VARIETY OF WAYS HAVE MADE IT
13 ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT ONE-TIME COMMITMENTS WILL NOT ADDRESS
14 THE CRISIS OF HOMELESSNESS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. SO IF
15 YOU CAN SET THE CONTEXT, IT WOULD BE USEFUL PERTAINING TO THE
16 BOARD-ADOPTED MOTION AND PLAN IN FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR. I'D
17 ALSO LIKE FOR YOU TO TALK WITH US ABOUT THE POLLING RESULTS
18 THAT THE BOARD AUTHORIZED THAT ESSENTIALLY BUTTRESSED THE
19 PRIORITY THAT WE ARE SEEKING TO ARTICULATE, GETTING A READ IN
20 TERMS OF THE VOTERS FROM ONE END OF THE DISTRICT, FROM ONE END
21 OF THE COUNTY TO THE NEXT, 1 THROUGH 5. AND IF YOU WISH TO
22 DETAIL SOME OF THE COMMON RESULTS BEYOND THAT, IF YOU WERE
23 ABLE TO GIVE US YOUR OWN TAKE ON THE L.A.H.S.A. NUMBERS AND
24 WHAT THEY ARE TELLING US, AND, FINALLY, WE WANT TO HAVE SOME
25 SENSE OF THE PRUDENCE OF THE MATTER BEFORE US. IS IT ADVISABLE



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1 FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE OFFICE OF THE C.E.O., AND IF SO,
2 WHAT IS THE RATIONALE FOR THAT? THOSE ARE THE CONCERNS AND THE
3 QUESTIONS THAT I'D LIKE THE OFFICE OF THE C.E.O. AND COUNTY
4 COUNSEL TO ADDRESS. AND IF THERE ARE OTHER CLARIFYING ISSUES,
5 WE'D BE DELIGHTED TO HEAR THEM. THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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9 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I AGREE WITH MY COLLEAGUE IN TERMS OF ALL
10 OF THE ABOVE, INCLUDING HOW IMPORTANT THE ISSUE IS. WE
11 RECENTLY WERE IN WASHINGTON FOR SEVERAL DAYS. AND EVERYWHERE
12 WE WENT, IN EVERY OFFICE, HOMELESSNESS WAS THE ISSUE THAT WAS
13 RAISED AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN. AND THE QUESTION: WHAT ARE
14 YOU GOING TO DO? I THINK YOU'VE HEARD ME SAY BEFORE, IT'S KIND
15 OF LIKE A BAD EPISODE OF "UPSTAIRS, DOWNSTAIRS." SOMEBODY
16 MAKES THE MESS, WE CLEAN IT UP, BECAUSE IT'S NOT A MESS
17 TOTALLY OF THE COUNTY'S MAKING, BUT EVERYONE LOOKS TO THE
18 COUNTY AND OUR 88 CITIES TO DO SOMETHING. WHAT THE
19 HOMELESSNESS COUNT SHOWED WERE REALLY THE UP SIDE AND THE DOWN
20 SIDE OF ALL OF THOSE ISSUES. WHERE WE DEDICATE RESOURCES
21 SPECIFICALLY TO A POPULATION, AS WE DID FOR VETERANS AND FOR
22 HOMELESS FAMILIES, WE SAW REALLY AN UNPRECEDENTED DIMINUTION
23 IN HOMELESSNESS IN THOSE TWO POPULATIONS. AT THE SAME TIME, IN
24 THOSE AREAS WHERE WE DID NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT RESOURCES TO
25 HOUSE EVERYONE, WE DID NOT SEE A DIMINUTION. AND INTERESTINGLY



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1 ENOUGH, EVEN WITH OUR VETERANS POPULATION, WE HAD, BY OUR
2 COUNT, ABOUT 4,300 HOMELESS VETERANS A YEAR AGO JANUARY. WE
3 HOUSED OVER 3,000 OF THEM. SO YOU WOULD THINK, WELL, WE'LL
4 ONLY HAVE ABOUT A THOUSAND LEFT. BUT BECAUSE OF THE RAPID
5 INFLOW OF NEW HOMELESS VETERANS FOR REASONS THAT VARY IN TERMS
6 OF WHY THEY CAN'T AFFORD THE RENTS OR ARE NEWLY RETURNED FROM
7 SERVICE, WE ACTUALLY STILL HAVE MORE THAN 3,000 HOMELESS
8 VETERANS. THIS DOES NOT MEAN WE DID NOT DEVOTE AMAZING
9 RESOURCES. IT SIMPLY MEANS THAT THE PROBLEM GOES ON AND ON AND
10 ON. AND I THINK THAT UNDERSCORES THE NEED FOR THIS
11 CONVERSATION, TO SEE WHAT WE CAN DO IN ADDITION TO THE
12 HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS THAT WE'VE ALREADY COMMITTED
13 TO FACING THIS PROBLEM AND GOING FROM HOMELESSNESS TO HOUSING.
14 SO I ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO THE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS AND THE
15 REPORT. I THANK YOU FOR THE GOOD WORK THAT YOU'VE DONE ON
16 THIS. AND I'M CERTAIN THAT WE'LL HAVE MORE TO SAY AFTER ALL IS
17 SAID AND NOT QUITE DONE. THANK YOU.

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19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ANY OTHER SUPERVISORS WANT TO BE
20 ACKNOWLEDGED AT THIS TIME? IF NOT, LET'S PROCEED AND HEAR THE
21 BACKGROUND INFORMATION REGARDING THIS.

22
23 **PHIL ANSELL:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. PHIL ANSELL, DIRECTOR
24 OF THE COUNTY HOMELESS INITIATIVE. SO WITH RESPECT TO THE
25 BACKGROUND, AS MENTIONED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, ON



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1 FEBRUARY 9TH, THE BOARD APPROVED THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE,
2 RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES, AND WITH THAT, \$100 MILLION IN ONE-
3 TIME COUNTY FUNDING TO LAUNCH THE INITIAL IMPLEMENTATION OF
4 THOSE STRATEGIES. AT THE SAME TIME, THE BOARD INSTRUCTED THE
5 C.E.O., IN COLLABORATION WITH THE BOARD, TO EXPLORE OPTIONS
6 FOR ONGOING REVENUE. AND THAT INSTRUCTION WAS IN THE CONTEXT
7 OF AN HISTORIC REPORT PROVIDED BY L.A.H.S.A. REGARDING THE
8 EXTENT OF THE GAP IN THE AVAILABILITY OF HOMELESS HOUSING IN
9 LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE ESTIMATED COST OF FILLING THAT GAP,
10 WHICH IS ESTIMATED AT \$450 MILLION A YEAR, EXCLUDING ANY COSTS
11 ASSOCIATED WITH HOUSING CONSTRUCTION. SO IN THAT CONTEXT, THE
12 BOARD DID ISSUE THIS INSTRUCTION TO EXPLORE ONGOING REVENUE.
13 AND THEN ON FEBRUARY 23RD, THE BOARD ADOPTED A FOLLOW-ON
14 MOTION WHICH PROVIDED MORE SPECIFIC DIRECTION REGARDING THE
15 IDENTIFICATION OF OPTIONS AND CONDUCTING OF POLLING TO GAGE
16 VOTER SUPPORT FOR THOSE VARIOUS OPTIONS. ON MARCH 9 AND MARCH
17 30TH THIS YEAR, I REPORTED BACK TO THE BOARD WITH FIVE OPTIONS
18 AND WITH THE ESTIMATED REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY
19 THREE OF THOSE OPTIONS. AND FOUR OF THOSE FIVE OPTIONS WOULD
20 REQUIRE APPROVAL BY THE VOTERS TO TAKE EFFECT. THEN ON APRIL
21 22ND, PURSUANT TO THE BOARD'S PRIOR INSTRUCTION, WE RETURNED
22 WITH THE POLLING RESULTS, WHICH TESTED THE LEVEL OF SUPPORT
23 AMONG LIKELY VOTERS IN THE NOVEMBER 2016 ELECTION FOR THE FOUR
24 OPTIONS WHICH WOULD REQUIRE VOTER APPROVAL. THOSE FOUR OPTIONS
25 ARE A PARCEL TAX, A MARIJUANA TAX, A TRANSACTION AND USE TAX



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1 OR SALES TAX AND, FINALLY, THE SUBJECT OF TODAY'S MOTION, A
2 TAX ON PERSONAL INCOME ABOVE \$1 MILLION PER YEAR. OVERALL, THE
3 POLLING RESULTS SHOWED THAT THERE IS A VERY HIGH LEVEL OF
4 VOTER CONCERN AND INTEREST IN HOMELESSNESS, WHERE IN RESPONSE
5 TO AN OPEN-ENDED QUESTION, VOTERS IDENTIFIED HOMELESSNESS AS
6 THE SECOND MOST SIGNIFICANT ISSUE FACING LOS ANGELES COUNTY
7 AFTER JOBS AND THE ECONOMY, AHEAD OF A NUMBER OF OTHER
8 PROMINENT PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES. WITH RESPECT TO THE INDIVIDUAL
9 OPTIONS, THE TAX ON PERSONAL INCOME ABOVE \$1 MILLION PER YEAR
10 GARNERED BY FAR THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF SUPPORT AMONG LIKELY
11 NOVEMBER 2016 VOTERS WITH A COUNTY-WIDE SUPPORT OF 76 PERCENT,
12 OF WHICH 50 PERCENT WAS DEFINITE YES SUPPORT, WHICH ACCORDING
13 TO OUR POLLSTER DAVID BINDER IS AN EXTRAORDINARILY HIGH LEVEL
14 OF DEFINITE SUPPORT IN ANY POLL ON A REVENUE MEASURE. THE
15 SALES TAX, WHICH WAS THE OTHER MEASURE THAT WAS MOST
16 EXTENSIVELY ADDRESSED IN THE POLL, HAD 69 PERCENT SUPPORT
17 AMONG LIKELY NOVEMBER 2016 VOTERS, WHICH IS WITHIN THE MARGIN
18 OF ERROR OF THE POLL RELATIVE TO THE REQUIRED TWO-THIRDS
19 SUPPORT. NOW, WITH RESPECT MORE SPECIFICALLY TO THE
20 MILLIONAIRES' TAX, UNLIKE THE OTHER THREE OPTIONS THAT WE
21 IDENTIFIED THAT WOULD REQUIRE APPROVAL BY THE VOTERS, THE
22 COUNTY DOES NOT CURRENTLY HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO ASK THE VOTERS
23 TO APPROVE A TAX ON PERSONAL INCOME ABOVE \$1 MILLION. THE
24 LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR HAVE THE AUTHORITY WITHIN THE
25 PARAMETERS OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO CONFER THAT AUTHORITY



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1 ON THE BOARD TO THEN, IN TURN, PLACE THE TAX ON PERSONAL
2 INCOME ABOVE \$1 MILLION BEFORE THE VOTERS. BUT IT WOULD
3 REQUIRE ACTION BY THE LEGISLATURE AND A SIGNATURE BY THE
4 GOVERNOR FOR THE BOARD TO GAIN THAT AUTHORITY. SHOULD THE
5 BOARD APPROVE THE MOTION ON TODAY'S AGENDA, THEN THE C.E.O.
6 WOULD IMMEDIATELY TURN OUR ATTENTION TO ADVOCATING FOR SUCH
7 LANGUAGE WITH THE LEGISLATURE AND APPROVAL OF SUCH LANGUAGE BY
8 THE GOVERNOR. SPECIFICALLY, WE WOULD PURSUE TRAILER BILL
9 LANGUAGE, WHICH, IF ADOPTED BY THE LEGISLATURE BY JUNE 15 ON A
10 SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE IN THE LEGISLATURE AND SIGNED BY THE
11 GOVERNOR BY JUNE 30, WOULD TAKE EFFECT ON JULY 1ST. AND
12 THEREFORE, THE INCLUSION OF SUCH LANGUAGE IN A TRAILER BILL
13 WOULD PRESERVE THE BOARD'S OPTION TO PLACE THE TAX ON PERSONAL
14 INCOME ABOVE \$1 MILLION ON THE NOVEMBER 2016 BALLOT, SHOULD
15 THE BOARD SO CHOOSE. I WOULD LIKE TO UNDERSCORE THAT THAT
16 WOULD BE A SEPARATE DECISION, DISTINCT FROM THE BOARD'S ACTION
17 ON THE MOTION TODAY, WHICH WOULD DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO PURSUE
18 THAT ACTION BY THE LEGISLATURE. SHOULD THAT OCCUR, THE BOARD
19 WOULD THEN HAVE UNTIL AUGUST 9TH TO MAKE A DECISION AS TO
20 WHETHER TO PLACE ANY REVENUE MEASURE RELATED TO HOMELESSNESS
21 AND, IF SO, WHICH ONE BEFORE THE VOTERS FOR THE NOVEMBER 2016
22 BALLOT. ADDITIONALLY, THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PURSUE
23 ADDITIONAL POLLING CONSISTENT WITH THE BOARD'S PRIOR DIRECTION
24 SHOULD THE BOARD BE INTERESTED IN ADDITIONAL POLLING RELATIVE
25 TO ANY OF THESE OPTIONS. FINALLY, WITH RESPECT TO THE POLLING



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1 RESULTS, IN ADDITION TO SEEKING TO ASCERTAIN THE LEVEL OF
2 SUPPORT FOR THE VARIOUS REVENUE OPTIONS AMONG LIKELY NOVEMBER
3 2016 VOTERS, WE SOUGHT TO DETERMINE THE POTENTIAL INTERACTION
4 BETWEEN A HOMELESSNESS REVENUE MEASURE ON THE NOVEMBER 2016
5 BALLOT AND THREE OTHER LIKELY REVENUE MEASURES: THE STATEWIDE
6 BALLOT INITIATIVE TO EXTEND PROPOSITION 30, THE CURRENT
7 TEMPORARY TAX ON HIGH INCOME, THE TRANSPORTATION MEASURE,
8 COMMONLY KNOWN AS R-2, AND THE COUNTY PARKS AND OPEN SPACE
9 MEASURE. OUR POLLSTERS CONCLUDED THAT THERE IS NO APPARENT
10 INTERACTION BETWEEN THE LEVEL OF VOTER SUPPORT FOR ANY OF
11 THOSE THREE MEASURES AND THE HOMELESSNESS MEASURE. NO REACTION
12 IN EITHER DIRECTION. THAT IS, THE POLLING RESULTS INDICATE
13 THAT THE LEVEL OF SUPPORT FOR THE OTHER THREE MEASURES WOULD
14 NOT IN ANY WAY BE COMPROMISED BY THE PRESENCE OF A
15 HOMELESSNESS MEASURE ON THE NOVEMBER 2016 BALLOT AND,
16 SIMILARLY, THAT THE LEVEL OF SUPPORT FOR A HOMELESSNESS
17 MEASURE WOULD ALSO NOT BE COMPROMISED. THE POLLSTER SOUGHT TO
18 PENETRATE THAT QUESTION BY ASKING VOTERS INITIALLY WHAT THEIR
19 SUPPORT WAS FOR THE VARIOUS MEASURES AND THEN AFTER PROVIDING
20 MORE INFORMATION ON HOMELESSNESS AND EXPLICITLY STATING THAT
21 ALL MEASURES COULD BE ON THE NOVEMBER 2016 BALLOT. THE LEVEL
22 OF SUPPORT FOR EACH OF THE FOUR MEASURES, THE HOMELESSNESS
23 OPTIONS, SALES TAX, AND MILLIONAIRES' TAX, AND THE THREE OTHER
24 MEASURES, REMAIN CONSTANT WHEN ASKED ON BOTH OCCASIONS.
25 FINALLY, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS ASKED IF WE MIGHT ADDRESS



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1 THE L.A.H.S.A. HOMELESS COUNT RESULTS IN RELATION TO THE
2 QUESTION OF THE HOMELESSNESS REVENUE MEASURE. AS AS SUPERVISOR
3 KUEHL MENTIONED, THE L.A.H.S.A. HOMELESS COUNT RESULTS ARE
4 REALLY TWOFOLD. ON THE ONE HAND, THEY SHOW THAT THE CRISIS OF
5 HOMELESSNESS THAT PERVADES LOS ANGELES COUNTY PERSISTS AND, IN
6 FACT, OVERALL HAS WORSENERED SINCE THE COUNT IN 2015. AND AT THE
7 SAME TIME, THE POLL, THE HOMELESS COUNT RESULTS SHOW THAT THE
8 COMBINATION OF DEDICATED RESOURCES AND FOCUSED, SYSTEM-WIDE
9 ATTENTION GETS RESULTS. WE SEE THIS IN THE 2016 HOMELESS COUNT
10 WHERE THERE WAS A HISTORIC REDUCTION IN THE INCIDENCE OF BOTH
11 VETERAN AND FAMILY HOMELESSNESS RESPONDING SPECIFICALLY TO
12 THAT COMBINED COMMITMENT OF REVENUE, OF RESOURCES, AND
13 ORGANIZATIONAL FOCUS. AND THEREFORE, IN RESPONSE TO THE
14 QUESTION, MY ASSESSMENT IS THAT THE HOMELESS COUNT UNDERSCORES
15 THAT THOUGH APPARENTLY INTRACTABLE, HOMELESSNESS IS A PROBLEM
16 THAT CAN BE EFFECTIVELY COMBATED, BUT THAT IT DEPENDS ON THE
17 COMBINATION OF SUSTAINED RESOURCES AND SUSTAINED
18 ORGANIZATIONAL FOCUS TO DO SO. THANK YOU.

19
20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THINK THERE WAS A FINAL QUESTION THAT
21 WAS POSED PERTAINING TO UNDERSCORING PRESERVING THE OPTION AND
22 WHETHER OR NOT THE OFFICE OF THE C.E.O. WOULD ARGUE THAT THIS
23 IS A FISCALLY PRUDENT OPTION TO PURSUE.



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1 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, AND I'LL GO AHEAD
2 AND ANSWER THAT QUESTION. AS YOU JUST HEARD FROM PHIL ANSELL,
3 WHO HAS BEEN WORKING SINCE LAST AUGUST ON THIS VERY
4 AGGRESSIVELY ALONG WITH YOUR BOARD, THIS PROBLEM IS AN ONGOING
5 PROBLEM. IT IS NOT A ONE-TIME PROBLEM. AND WITH THAT SAID, I
6 THINK THAT THE NUMBER BEFORE US IS ABOUT \$500 MILLION THAT WE
7 NEED TO COME UP WITH IN ONGOING REVENUE. THE REVENUE OPTIONS
8 THAT HAVE BEEN PUT BEFORE THE BOARD ARE SIMPLY THAT, ARE
9 OPTIONS. AND I THINK THAT WHAT IS BEFORE THIS BOARD TODAY IS
10 GIVING THE COUNTY AN OPTION. IT CERTAINLY ISN'T TAKING A VOTE
11 TO PUT ANYTHING ON THE BALLOT IN NOVEMBER. BUT IT DOES
12 PRESERVE THE OPTION FOR THE COUNTY AT A LATER POINT SHOULD THE
13 BOARD DECIDE TO MAKE THAT DECISION. SO IF WE ARE LOOKING TO
14 INSURE THAT WE HAVE DIFFERENT IDEAS MOVING INTO THE NOVEMBER
15 ELECTION OR EVEN AT A LATER DATE, I THINK THAT THIS IS ONE WAY
16 THAT THE COUNTY COULD DO THAT.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE COUNTY COUNSEL, THROUGH THE CHAIR, DID
19 THE COUNTY COUNSEL HAVE ANY SPECIFIC INFORMATION THAT THE
20 BOARD SHOULD BE APPRISED OF IN TERMS OF THE LEGALITIES THAT
21 APPLY WITH RESPECT TO THIS APPROACH AS SEAMLESS TO ANY OTHER
22 APPROACH, THRESHOLD ISSUES, ET CETERA?

23

24 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL:** YES, SUPERVISOR. THOMAS FAUGHNAN IN
25 COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE. ONLY TO ADD THAT WE HAVE A SMALL



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1 WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY HERE TO SEEK THIS LEGISLATION WITH THE
2 BUDGET BILLS. DOING SO WITH A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE
3 LEGISLATURE, SHOULD AN URGENCY BILL BE NEEDED, IT WOULD BE A
4 TWO-THIRDS VOTE. OTHERWISE, THE LEGISLATION WOULD NOT TAKE
5 EFFECT UNTIL NEXT YEAR, MISSING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE
6 NOVEMBER BALLOT.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** APPARENTLY THERE IS SOME CONSIDERATION.
9 AND IT IS THE CASE THAT WE POLLED ABOUT THE SALES TAX,
10 TRANSACTION USE TAX, A DIFFERENT THRESHOLD FOR THAT MATTER
11 WITH RESPECT TO THE BOARD'S DISPOSITION. PERHAPS YOU CAN
12 EXPLAIN OR SPEAK TO THAT.

13

14 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL:** YES, SUPERVISOR. THE T.U.T. TAX OR
15 THE SALES TAX IS ALREADY AUTHORIZED BY STATE LAW. THERE IS A
16 CAP OF 2 PERCENT, WHICH THE COUNTY HASN'T REACHED. THERE ARE
17 SOME CITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY THAT HAVE REACHED THAT CAP. AND
18 THEREFORE, THERE WOULD BE ISSUES WITH HAVING A FULL COUNTYWIDE
19 ADDITION, ADDITIONAL TAX OF A HALF PERCENT. BUT THERE ARE ONLY
20 4 CITIES, AND THEY'RE SMALL. SO THAT WOULD NOT HAVE A
21 SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON PROCEEDING WITH A T.U.T. TAX.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IS IT THE DETERMINATION OF COUNTY COUNSEL,
24 HAS COUNTY COUNSEL OPINED THAT THE SALES TAX SCENARIO REQUIRES



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1 A SUPER MAJORITY OF THE BOARD TO PUT IT ON THE BALLOT OVER
2 AGAINST THE PROPOSAL FOR THE UPPER-INCOME EARNERS?

3

4 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL:** YES, THAT'S CORRECT.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WOULD YOU EXPLICATE THE POINT THERE FOR
7 THE BENEFIT OF THE BOARD AND THE AUDIENCE?

8

9 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL:** THERE IS A SPECIFIC STATE LAW THAT
10 REQUIRES THAT THE BOARD, IN ORDER TO PUT A SALES TAX MEASURE
11 ON THE BALLOT, APPROVE IT BY TWO-THIRDS VOTE AND THEN THE TWO-
12 THIRDS VOTE OF THE ELECTORATE. THAT IS NOT THE CASE FOR THE
13 OTHER OPTIONS. AND PRESUMABLY WITH THE LEGISLATION THAT WE
14 WOULD PURSUE FOR THE MILLIONAIRES' TAX, WE WOULD CERTAINLY NOT
15 INCLUDE THAT AS A REQUIREMENT.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME
18 CHAIR. I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ALL WERE WORKING
19 WITH THE SAME INFORMATION IN TERMS OF THE TIMELINESS OF THE
20 MATTER BEFORE US AS WELL AS THE THRESHOLD ISSUES. THE UPTICK
21 IN HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COUNTY, THE DATA THAT HAS BEEN
22 DISCERNED FROM THE POLL, WHICH IS UNPRECEDENTED IN TERMS OF
23 THE INTENSITY, ACCORDING TO THE POLLSTERS IN ONE DISTRICT TO
24 THE NEXT, 1 THROUGH 5 HAVE MADE THIS RATHER COMPELLING, AND I
25 THINK ALL OF US HAVE THAT DATA AND SHOULD IT BE NEEDED FOR



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1 RECITING, I THINK THE C.E.O. IS PREPARED TO DO SO. MADAME
2 CHAIR?

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS FROM --
5 I DO HAVE SOME QUESTIONS. I RECEIVED THE POLLING DATA WITH
6 CROSS TABS, I BELIEVE, LATE YESTERDAY AND WAS VERY CONCERNED
7 THAT -- I HAD RECEIVED A NARRATIVE AND HAD BEEN ASKING,
8 THROUGH MY STAFF, TO GET THAT INFORMATION. SO I HAVE QUESTIONS
9 JUST IN TERMS OF THE POLLING DATA AND WITH RESPECT TO THE
10 DYNAMICS OF WHO WAS ACTUALLY POLLED WHERE AND HOW IT BREAKS
11 DOWN IN TERMS OF EACH DISTRICT, OR AT LEAST MINE IN
12 PARTICULAR. I AM CONCERNED, BECAUSE THE FACT THAT THE HOMELESS
13 COUNT INDICATES THAT THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY OR MY AREA WASN'T
14 AS IMPACTED, SO THAT TAKES ME TO ANOTHER LEVEL IN TERMS OF HOW
15 WE SET OUT OUR PLAN TO ACTUALLY GO OUT AND DO THE COUNT. THIS
16 WILL HAVE IMPLICATIONS IN TERMS OF WHERE MONIES GO WHEN WE
17 LOOK AT WHERE THE NEEDS ARE. AND SO I'M JUST CONCERNED ABOUT
18 SOME DATA COLLECTION AND HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT, NUMBER ONE, THE
19 POLLING THAT WAS DONE AND WHY WERE WE NOT GIVEN THAT
20 INFORMATION WHEN OTHER OFFICES, I BELIEVE, HAD IT TWO WEEKS
21 AGO.

22

23 **PHIL ANSELL:** SUPERVISOR, I CAN TAKE THE FIRST CRACK AT THE
24 RESPONSE AND MANUEL RIVAS CAN ADD ON. CERTAINLY I WANT TO
25 CLARIFY THAT ALL OFFICES HAD THE SAME DATA AT THE SAME TIME.



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1 WE MET WITH YOUR STAFF ON APRIL 15TH TO REVIEW THE OVERALL
2 POLLING RESULTS. AND THEN THOSE RESULTS WERE RELEASED PUBLICLY
3 ON APRIL 22ND. WE THEN HAD A SUBSEQUENT MEETING WITH THE
4 HOMELESS DEPUTIES AND CHIEF DEPUTIES ON APRIL 29TH.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, BUT YOU DIDN'T PROVIDE THE
7 ACTUAL CROSS TABS. I BELIEVE THAT THAT WAS ONE OF THE REQUESTS
8 THAT WAS MADE BY, I KNOW, MY STAFF, AND WE WERE A LITTLE
9 SURPRISED THAT THAT INFORMATION WASN'T PROVIDED TO US, SINCE
10 WE PAID FOR THE SURVEY.

11

12 **PHIL ANSELL:** ON APRIL 29TH, SUPERVISOR, THE POLLSTER REVIEWED
13 THE MORE DETAILED INFORMATION. AND IN KEEPING WITH -- AND
14 THERE WAS A REQUEST THAT -- AND THERE WAS SOME DATA AT THAT
15 TIME AVAILABLE ON APRIL 29TH, THAT WAS A WEEK AGO, THAT BROKE
16 OUT THE RESULTS BY SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. THERE WAS A REQUEST
17 AT THAT TIME FOR A DETAILED BREAKOUT BY SUPERVISORIAL
18 DISTRICTS ON THE FULL RANGE OF QUESTIONS. AND IT TOOK US UNTIL
19 LATE YESTERDAY TO SECURE THAT INFORMATION FROM OUR POLLSTERS,
20 AT WHICH POINT WE IMMEDIATELY PROVIDED IT TO THE BOARD
21 OFFICES.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THIS ISSUE OF
24 HOMELESSNESS IS A TOP PRIORITY FOR MANY OF US. BUT I AM
25 CONCERNED ABOUT INFORMATION THAT ISN'T FULLY SHARED EQUALLY



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1 WITH OUR OFFICES AND THE URGENCY. IF WE'RE GOING TO BE VOTING
2 ON SOMETHING TODAY, I WOULD, OUT OF DUE RESPECT FOR OUR
3 OFFICES AND THE PEOPLE WE REPRESENT, BE ABLE TO HAVE THAT
4 INFORMATION WITH MORE TIME. AND AT THIS POINT, I'M A BIT
5 UNCOMFORTABLE WITH WHAT THE DATA THAT MY STAFF HAS YET TO
6 REALLY REVIEW AND HONE IN ON. AND WHO WAS ACTUALLY SURVEYED?
7 WHERE? DID WE HAVE DIVERSITY IN TERMS OF REACHING OUT? AND ALL
8 THAT INFORMATION, I CAN'T MAKE AN EDUCATED GUESS ABOUT IT. SO
9 I AM CONCERNED ABOUT IT. THAT'S JUST ONE CONCERN I HAVE. THE
10 OTHER IS FOR OUR SACRAMENTO STAFF. WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT THESE
11 OTHER ISSUES THAT ARE GOING TO BE ON THE BALLOT THAT ARE BEING
12 PROPOSED BY OUR LAWMAKERS RIGHT NOW, INCLUDING THE GOVERNOR?
13 HOW DOES THAT PLAY OUT WITH THIS, AND WHAT IS THE TEMPERATURE
14 THERE? YOU MUST HAVE SOME IDEA.

15

16 **MANUEL RIVAS:** SUPERVISOR, MANUEL RIVAS, CHIEF EXECUTIVE
17 OFFICE, DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS. WE HAVE NOT ACTUALLY
18 STARTED DOING ANY WORK IN SACRAMENTO, BUT AS PHIL INDICATED
19 EARLIER, OUR POLLING RESULTS THAT CAME FROM THE DAVID BINDER
20 GROUP ACTUALLY INDICATED THAT THERE WILL NOT BE ANY NEGATIVE
21 INTERACTION BETWEEN WHAT IS BEING CONSIDERED NOW AND WHAT IS
22 BEING CONSIDERED BY EXTENDING PROPOSITION 30 AT THE STATEWIDE
23 LEVEL OR ALSO WHAT YOUR BOARD IS CONSIDERING AS IT RELATES TO
24 MEASURE R-2 AND ALSO THE PARKS MEASURE.

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO, CAN YOU BREAK THAT DOWN IN TERMS
2 OF HOW THAT QUESTION -- I MEAN, HOW THOSE QUESTIONS WERE
3 PROPOSED, BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW. WE REALLY TOOK A DEEP DIVE IN
4 TERMS OF WHAT THE STATE SENATE IS PROPOSING, WHAT THE ASSEMBLY
5 IS PROPOSING, AND WHAT THAT MEANS.

6

7 **PHIL ANSELL:** SUPERVISOR, ARE YOU ASKING ABOUT HOW THE POLL WAS
8 CONSTRUCTED?

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES.

11

12 **PHIL ANSELL:** SO, WITH RESPECT -- SO, THE POLL WAS CONSTRUCTED
13 TO MODEL THE ACTUAL LANGUAGE THAT A VOTER WOULD SEE AND WAS IN
14 ORDER ACCORDINGLY. SO THE FIRST QUESTION THAT WAS ASKED OF THE
15 1,400 LIKELY NOVEMBER 2016 VOTERS WHO WERE POLLED WAS THE PROP
16 30 EXTENSION, BECAUSE STATE BALLOT MEASURES COME FIRST ON THE
17 BALLOT, AND IT WAS THE ACTUAL BALLOT LANGUAGE. THEN THE SALES
18 TAX --

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AND WHAT WAS THE RATIO OF SUPPORT FOR
21 THAT, OR WHAT PERCENTAGE? CAN YOU GO THROUGH THAT?

22

23 **PHIL ANSELL:** CERTAINLY. THE COUNTYWIDE SUPPORT AFTER, AT THE
24 END OF THE POLL, AFTER ALL THE INFORMATION WAS SHARED, WAS 66
25 PERCENT. SUPPORT IN L.A. COUNTY FOR THE PROP 30 EXTENSION. AND



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1 ONLY A SIMPLE MAJORITY IS REQUIRED STATEWIDE TO APPROVE THE
2 PROP 30 EXTENSION.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO WHAT WERE THE OTHER ONES THAT WERE
5 ALSO --

6

7 **PHIL ANSELL:** RIGHT. THEN, TO AGAIN MODEL THE ACTUAL VOTER
8 EXPERIENCE, THE THREE LOCAL MEASURES, THE PARKS MEASURE, R-2,
9 AND THE HOMELESSNESS MEASURE WERE RANDOMIZED. SO A THIRD OF
10 THE VOTERS HEARD THE PARKS QUESTION FIRST, A THIRD HEARD R-2
11 FIRST, AND A THIRD HEARD THE HOMELESSNESS MEASURE FIRST. THEN
12 THE HOMELESSNESS MEASURE WAS SPLIT IN HALF. SO THERE WERE 700
13 WHO WERE ASKED ABOUT THE MILLIONAIRES' TAX.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** HOW DID THE PARKS ISSUE RATE, THOUGH?
16 GIVE ME THAT.

17

18 **PHIL ANSWELL:** THE PARKS MEASURE GARNERED -- AGAIN, THIS WAS
19 THE LAST TIME THE QUESTION WAS ASKED, GARNERED 69 PERCENT
20 SUPPORT FROM THE RESPONDENTS. THE R-2 GARNERED 70 PERCENT. THE
21 MILLIONAIRES' TAX GARNERED 76 PERCENT. AND THE HOMELESSNESS
22 SALES TAX GARNERED 69 PERCENT. SO THEY WERE RANDOMLY SORTED,
23 THE ORDER OF THE QUESTIONS, AS THEY WOULD BE ON THE ACTUAL
24 BALLOT TO, AGAIN, MODEL AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE THE ACTUAL
25 EXPERIENCE. WITH RESPECT TO R-2 AND THE PARKS MEASURE, THE



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1 DAVID BINDER GROUP UTILIZED THE SAME LANGUAGE THAT WAS
2 UTILIZED IN PRIOR POLLING ON BOTH OF THOSE MEASURES. AND,
3 REMARKABLY, THE RESULTS ON THE PARKS AND TRANSPORTATION
4 MEASURE WERE VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL IN THIS POLL TO THE RESULTS
5 IN THE PRIOR POLLS THAT WERE CONDUCTED FOR BOTH THE PARKS AND
6 TRANSPORTATION MEASURE. I'D ALSO NOTE THAT I'VE LEARNED
7 THROUGH THIS PROCESS THAT 1,400 IS AN EXTRAORDINARILY LARGE
8 SAMPLE SIZE, WHICH INCREASES THE ROBUSTNESS OF THE RESULTS AND
9 THE RELIABILITY.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO
12 MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THERE WAS PRETTY BROAD INPUT IN TERMS OF
13 THE DESIGN AND CONTENT OF THE POLL. EACH BOARD OFFICE HAD AN
14 OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW AND GIVE INPUT AND SPECIFY THE DATE AT
15 WHICH THAT HAPPENED. EVERY BOARD OFFICE HAD THAT OPPORTUNITY.
16 AND IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE WAS FULL PARTICIPATION.
17 SECONDLY, IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW THAT FROM THE STATE'S
18 PERSPECTIVE, ITS NUMBER 1 ISSUE WAS PROP 30. AND BEFORE THEY
19 WERE EVEN WILLING TO HAVE ANY DISCUSSION ABOUT THIS AT ALL,
20 THEY WANTED TO KNOW THAT PROP 30, WHETHER OR NOT IT WOULD BE
21 ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY ANY OF THE OTHER THREE CONTENDING
22 ISSUES, NAMELY MEASURE R-2 AS WELL AS THE PARKS MEASURE AND
23 THE HOMELESS MEASURE, AND THAT'S WHY IT WAS PUT INTO OUR POLL.
24 IN OTHER WORDS, IT WAS DONE WITHOUT PREJUDICE. WE WERE SEEKING
25 TO FIND OUT WHATEVER THE SENTIMENT OF THE VOTERS MIGHT BE.



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1 THERE'S NO QUESTION ABOUT THAT. AND THE INTENSITY THAT
2 ATTACHED TO THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS IS ARGUABLY
3 UNPRECEDENTED. WHAT IS IT RELATED TO? IT IS RELATED TO WHAT
4 PEOPLE KNOW ANECDOTALLY. IT IS RELATED TO WHAT THEY SEE FROM
5 ONE END OF THIS COUNTY TO THE NEXT. IT IS RELATED TO A SENSE
6 OF SADNESS AS WELL AS ANGER ABOUT THE LACK OF FORTHRIGHTLY AND
7 EFFECTIVELY TACKLING THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS IN A WAY THAT
8 CAN BE BROADLY EMBRACED AND CELEBRATED. IT IS A REFLECTION OF
9 THE COMPASSION THAT THE VOTERS IN THIS COUNTY HAVE ABOUT THIS
10 ISSUE AND THEIR EXPECTATION THAT THEIR ELECTED OFFICIALS WILL,
11 IN FACT, ADDRESS IT. NOT SIMPLY IN THE COUNTY, BUT IN ALL 88
12 CITIES. THAT'S WHAT I THINK IS COMING BACK TO US BY WAY OF
13 FEEDBACK. AND SO I THINK THIS IS A MATTER OF DUE DILIGENCE AND
14 THOROUGH TREATMENT. WITH RESPECT TO THE DATA THAT WAS RECEIVED
15 LAST EVENING, ON THE DETAIL OF THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS IN
16 TERMS OF THE DISTRIBUTION AND THE INTENSITY THERE, IT'S ALL
17 HERE. I THINK IT CAME BACK YESTERDAY, THE ATTEMPT WAS. THERE
18 WAS A PROBLEM APPARENTLY WITH THE EMAIL SYSTEM THAT MR. RIVAS
19 INDICATED IN A SECOND ATTEMPT THIS MORNING TO MAKE SURE WE
20 ABSOLUTELY HAD IT. AND SO I THINK IT IS THE CASE THAT ALL
21 BOARD MEMBERS DID RECEIVE IT IN THE FIRST ATTEMPT YESTERDAY
22 AND THEN A SECOND ATTEMPT AGAIN TODAY. IT IS ALL HERE. AND
23 FROM ONE END OF THIS DISTRICT TO THE NEXT, IT MAKES IT CLEAR
24 HOW STRONGLY THE FIRST DISTRICT, THE SECOND DISTRICT, THE
25 THIRD DISTRICT AND THE FOURTH AS WELL AS THE FIFTH DISTRICTS



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1 FEEL ABOUT THIS MATTER. IT'S EXTRAORDINARY. IT'S COMPLETELY
2 EXTRAORDINARY. AND IT'S WELL-DOCUMENTED AS TO WHAT THE CASE IS
3 IN TERMS OF THE SENTIMENT OF THE VOTERS OF THE PEOPLE, THE
4 VOTERS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. MADAME CHAIR?

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR --

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8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE AND THEN ANTONOVICH.

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10 **SUP. KNABE:** WE DID GET IT, BUT 5 O'CLOCK LAST NIGHT AND THESE
11 OTHER TWO DOCUMENTS 6 A.M. THIS MORNING. SO IT'S NOT FAIR TO
12 SAY THAT WE HAD PLENTY OF TIME. I MEAN, WHEN YOU GET A
13 PERSONAL BRIEFING, THAT'S ONE SIDE OF THE STORY. THERE'S
14 ALWAYS ANOTHER SIDE OF THE STORY AND ANALYSIS THAT YOU DO ON
15 YOUR OWN. SO, WE DID GET IT, BUT I WOULD JUST QUESTION THE
16 TIMELINESS. I ASKED FOR IT A WEEK AGO.

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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20 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** I SHARE SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S CONCERNS
21 RELATIVE TO THE CREDIBILITY OF THE POLL. A LOT OF IT IS ON THE
22 POLLSTER AND HOW THE QUESTION IS ASKED. IN THIS TIME OF HIGH
23 UNEMPLOYMENT, PURCHASING POWER HAS REMAINED STATIC IF NOT
24 DECLINING, TO HAVE PEOPLE COME OUT AND SAY THEY'LL VOTE YES ON
25 4, 5 OR 6 DIFFERENT TAXES IS NOT LOGICAL. AND THERE'S A



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1 PROBLEM WITH THE CREDIBILITY OF THE POLL. SECONDLY, THE
2 IMPACT. WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS, IT'S NOT
3 JUST ONE FACTOR THAT'S CREATING THE HOMELESSNESS. AND TO
4 ADDRESS IT IS NOT GOING TO TAKE ONE TAX TO INCREASE OR PROVIDE
5 SHELTER. THE HOMELESS ARE DIVIDED INTO FOUR DIFFERENT GROUPS
6 OF INDIVIDUALS. YOU HAVE THE DRUG ADDICT. YOU HAVE THE
7 ALCOHOLIC. YOU HAVE THE MENTALLY ILL. AND YOU HAVE THE
8 ECONOMICALLY DEPRIVED. OF THOSE FOUR, THE ECONOMICALLY
9 DEPRIVED WILL BENEFIT FROM HOUSING, JOB TRAINING, AND GETTING
10 BACK THEIR LIFE. BUT FOR THE OTHER THREE, HOUSING IS NOT A
11 CURE OF THEIR PROBLEM. THE DRUG AND ALCOHOLIC NEEDS
12 REHABILITATION MANDATED, AND THE MENTALLY ILL NEEDS MENTAL-
13 HEALTH TREATMENT MANDATED BEYOND THE 72-HOUR HOLD. IN THE
14 PROGRAM I INITIATED AT THE M.T.A. WHERE THE BUS DRIVERS AND
15 RAIL CONDUCTORS REPORT THOSE WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL ON THE BUS
16 STOP OR AT THE TRAIN STATION, OVER 95 PERCENT OF THOSE REFUSE
17 HELP, SHELTER. THEY WALK AWAY. AND THEY DO THIS WHETHER WE
18 HAVE A THUNDERSTORM TAKING PLACE OR IT'S HADES OUTSIDE, 110
19 DEGREES. THEY MOVE THEIR BELONGINGS AND THEY MOVE ON. THEY
20 NEED MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT AND WE NEED TO EXPAND THE NUMBER
21 OF DAYS THAT A MENTALLY ILL PERSON CAN BE TREATED AND WE NEED
22 TO HAVE THOSE MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES BEING CREATED. BUT THIS
23 IS JUST A BAND-AID ON A SERIOUS ILLNESS. THEN IF YOU LOOK AT,
24 WELL, WE'LL JUST TAX THE MILLIONAIRES. TO BEGIN WITH, PEOPLE
25 WHO MAKE MINIMUM WAGE DO NOT CREATE JOBS. THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE



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1 THE RESOURCES ARE THOSE WHO INVEST AND CREATE JOBS. THEY'RE
2 NOT STUPID. IT'S JUST AS EASY TO MOVE TO ORANGE COUNTY, SAN
3 BERNADINO COUNTY, KERN COUNTY, SAN BERNADINO COUNTY, OR SOME
4 OTHER PLACE THAT DOESN'T HAVE A POTENTIAL SALES TAX OR INCOME
5 TAX. AND THERE IS NO PROHIBITIONS OF MOVING, AND THAT COULD BE
6 DONE. SO YOU'RE LOOKING AT DESTROYING PART OF THE FABRIC OF
7 OUR COMMUNITY WHERE YOU HAVE PEOPLE WHO ARE INVOLVED AND
8 INVESTED IN THEIR COMMUNITY. WE JUST READ THIS PAST WEEK,
9 JAMBA JUICE IS LEAVING THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, THEIR
10 CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS, JUST AS CARL'S, JR., YOU KNOW, AS I
11 MENTIONED IN THE PAST, THE AUTO CLUB. THEIR CALL FOR SERVICE
12 HAS RELOCATED TO TEXAS. AND WE KNOW ABOUT TOYOTA GOING TO
13 TORRANCE. NOW WHAT HAPPENS WITH ALL THOSE BUSINESSES LEAVE?
14 THE SCHOOLS IN THOSE COMMUNITIES, THE NONPROFITS IN THOSE
15 COMMUNITIES ALL LOSE RESOURCES, WHICH THOSE BUSINESSES WERE
16 CONTRIBUTING, BE IT LITTLE LEAGUE, A.Y.S.O., BOYS & GIRLS
17 CLUB, THE Y.M.C.A., THE Y.W.C.A., THE BOY SCOUTS, THE GIRL
18 SCOUTS. ALL OF THOSE GROUPS LOSE RESOURCES, BECAUSE THOSE
19 WORKING PEOPLE HAVE MOVED. THOSE WHO INVESTED MOVED TO OTHER
20 LOCATIONS. SO, THIS IS NOT GOING TO SOLVE THE HOMELESS ISSUE.
21 WHAT IT WILL DO IS CREATE FUTURE HOMELESSNESS BY HAVING LESS
22 PEOPLE HAVING A JOB BECAUSE THERE'S LESS BUSINESSES BEING
23 INVESTED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR A FUTURE, BECAUSE THIS IS
24 AN END TO A POSITIVE FUTURE IF IT WOULD PASS. SO, ANYWAY, BUT
25 I SHARE WITH SUPERVISOR SOLIS ESPECIALLY ON THE CREDIBILITY OF



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1 THE POLL AND THE QUESTIONS ASKED, WHO YOU ASKED AND ALL. AND,
2 AGAIN, IT'S ON THE CREDIBILITY OF THE POLLSTER.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MY CONCERN REALLY IS THAT WE GOT THE
5 INFORMATION SO LATE AND I STILL HAVE YET TO GO THROUGH IT. I'M
6 NOT DISAGREEING THAT HOMELESSNESS AND THESE ISSUES ARE OF
7 GREAT IMPORTANCE, BECAUSE THEY ARE. BUT I DO WANT TO MINIMIZE
8 THAT THERE SHOULD HAVE BEEN SOME COURTESY PROVIDED TO OUR
9 BOARD OFFICES SO THAT WE HAD THIS INFORMATION TO BE ABLE TO
10 MAKE A DECISION, A CONSTRUCTIVE DECISION. THAT'S WHAT I'M
11 SAYING. I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT PEOPLE LEAVING THE STATE OF
12 CALIFORNIA. WE HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT ARE COMING INTO THE
13 STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS WELL. BUT I WANT TO DISTINGUISH WHAT
14 I'M TALKING ABOUT. SO, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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16 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I THINK, JUST TO
17 BE FAIR, I THINK DAVID BINDER IS THOUGHT OF AS IF NOT THE
18 BEST, ONE OF THE BEST THE POLLSTERS IN THE BUSINESS. AND THE
19 REASON IS THAT HE, IN PARTICULAR, DOES NOT SHADE THE
20 QUESTIONS. IF YOU LOOK AT THE ACTUAL QUESTIONS ON THE POLL,
21 ALL IT WAS WAS THE LANGUAGE THAT'S GOING ON THE BALLOT. AND
22 THAT, I WOULD AT LEAST SUBMIT, WOULD NOT BE IN ANY WAY SHADING
23 THE POLL. AND THE FACT OF PUTTING PROP 30 FIRST I THOUGHT WAS
24 ALSO A VERY GOOD WAY TO DO IT, BECAUSE IT WILL APPEAR FIRST IN
25 THE BALLOT AND MADE IT CLEAR TO PEOPLE THAT ALL THESE THINGS



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1 WOULD BE ON THE BALLOT. WOULD YOU STILL VOTE FOR THEM IF THEY
2 WERE? SECONDLY, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN
3 THE KINDS OF TAXES THAT ARE PLACED ON CORPORATIONS AND WHAT
4 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE. THIS IS A PERSONAL INCOME TAX THAT
5 THE STATE EMPLOYS TO PROVIDE MONEY FOR OUR MENTAL HEALTH
6 SERVICES. THAT'S THEIR MILLIONAIRES' TAX. THESE ARE PEOPLE WHO
7 PAY TAX ON A MILLION DOLLARS IN TAXABLE, NOT GROSS, BUT
8 INCOME, AND WOULD ADD, IF IT WERE TO BE ALLOWED, SOMETHING
9 LIKE HALF A PERCENT ONTO JUST THAT PORTION ABOVE A MILLION
10 DOLLARS. IT DOESN'T ADD A HALF ON EVERYTHING BELOW A MILLION.
11 IT'S INCREMENTAL. AND I WOULD ALSO POSIT THAT THOSE PEOPLE WHO
12 ARE PAYING PERSONAL INCOME TAX WHO OWN CARL'S, JR. AND WHO OWN
13 OTHER BUSINESSES THAT REPEATEDLY MOVE, ALTHOUGH MOST OF THEM
14 MOVE OUT OF THE COUNTRY, I HAVE TO SAY, IN TERMS OF A LOT OF
15 THE MANUFACTURING, THEY'RE NOT PAYING INCOME TAX IN
16 CALIFORNIA, IF YOU CHECK IN ON THE PEOPLE WHO OWN THESE
17 CORPORATIONS. SO WE'RE NOT GOING TO PUT A GREATER BURDEN ON
18 THOSE POOR MILLIONAIRES WHO MIGHT OWN CARL'S, JR. OR
19 MCDONALD'S OR ANY OF THE OTHERS. SIMPLY BY ASKING THE
20 LEGISLATURE TO ALLOW US TO COME BACK TO SEE IF WE WILL PUT
21 SUCH A MEASURE ON THE BALLOT, THIS DOES NOT MANDATE THAT WE
22 PUT THIS MEASURE ON THE BALLOT. WE'RE SIMPLY ASKING IN A
23 TIMELY FASHION, GIVEN THE BUDGET PROCESS, FOR PERMISSION TO
24 THEN DELIBERATE THIS AS ONE POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE FOR



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1 HOMELESSNESS. SO, I JUST THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW MORE
2 KIND OF WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, JUST A COUPLE OF OTHER
5 INSIGHTS THAT MAY BE HELPFUL, THE FIRST OF WHICH IS, PROP 63,
6 IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM STATEWIDE, BENEFITED ONE OF THE PROJECTS
7 OR THE CONCERNS THAT OUR COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, HAS
8 CHAMPIONED VERY SUCCESSFULLY. HAD THERE BEEN NO,
9 QUOTE/UNQUOTE, "MILLIONAIRES' TAX," THERE WOULD BE NO OR
10 LIMITED FUNDING FOR LAURA'S LAW. SO IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WE
11 NEED TO APPRECIATE THAT WHEN THERE IS PRUDENT AND EFFECTIVE
12 LEVERAGING OF THE RESOURCES -- YOU OPENED IT UP, DOC. I
13 THOUGHT I'D JUST GIVE YOU A LITTLE SOMETHING TO WORK WITH.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT ON.

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE POINT THAT I'M MAKING IS SIMPLY THIS:
18 NOT TO MOVE FORWARD IS TO LOCK INTO THE STATUS QUO. WE'VE ALL
19 SAID THIS IS A CRITICALLY IMPORTANT ISSUE. AND WE HAVE TO
20 EXPLORE EVERY CONCEIVABLE METHOD TO DO SO. WE CANNOT SUSTAIN
21 THE FUNDING. I'VE HEARD ALL OF US ACKNOWLEDGE THAT OVER AND
22 OVER AGAIN. AND SO WE HAVE DONE THIS IN A METHODICAL WAY. WE
23 HAVE DONE IT IN TERMS OF THE DUE DILIGENCE THAT SHOULD BE
24 APPLIED. WE HAVE GOTTEN THE MOST REPUTABLE AVAILABLE POLLSTER
25 THAT WE COULD FIND. WE PARTNERED APPROPRIATELY. IN THE FIRST



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1 DISTRICT ON THIS PARTICULAR ITEM, 79 PERCENT SAID YES. IN IN
2 THE SECOND DISTRICT, 85 PERCENT SAID YES. IN THE THIRD
3 DISTRICT, 81 PERCENT SAID YES. IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT, 73
4 PERCENT SAID YES. AND IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT, 64 PERCENT SAID
5 YES. ANY WAY YOU LOOK AT THAT, COUNTY-WIDE, THAT FAR EXCEEDS
6 THE THRESHOLD IN TERMS OF A SUPER MAJORITY. THEREFORE, IT
7 WOULD BE INADVISABLE FOR US NOT TO PURSUE THIS IN TERMS OF
8 MAXIMIZING OUR OPTIONS. IT DOES NOT PREDICT WHAT WE WILL DO IN
9 THIS INSTANCE. IT SIMPLY SAYS WE CAN AND SHOULD KEEP THIS
10 AMONG THE LIST. ON THE LIST. NOT TO DO SO, COLLEAGUES,
11 RESPECTFULLY, LOCKS US INTO A HISTORICAL PATTERN OF NOT DOING
12 ENOUGH TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS. IF THAT COULD
13 WORK TO BE THE RESULT, MAY I RESPECTFULLY SUGGEST THAT THIS
14 PROBLEM OF HOMELESSNESS, THIS ISSUE, THIS SOCIAL MALADY WILL
15 WORSEN. THE TRENDING IS CLEAR. IT IS INCREASING EVERY YEAR
16 PURSUANT TO THE COUNT. MAY I SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING? JUST LAST
17 WEEK, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND I WERE ON A PANEL WITH -- AT THE
18 MILKEN INSTITUTE. ONE OF THE FIRST OBSERVATIONS SHE MADE ABOUT
19 THE ISSUE WAS THAT THERE WAS SOME QUESTION AS TO WHETHER OR
20 NOT THE HOMELESS COUNT ACCURATELY REFLECTED THE ACTUAL NUMBER
21 OF PERSONS WHO ARE, IN HER MIND, HOMELESS IN THE FIRST
22 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. IN OTHER WORDS, THIS MAY REFLECT AN
23 UNDERCOUNT. THAT ONLY SUGGESTS TO ME THAT THE PROBLEM IS MORE,
24 POTENTIALLY MORE SIGNIFICANT, MORE IMPACTFUL, WHICH ARGUES FOR
25 OUR ACTING AND ACTING NOW. NOT TO DO SO SEEMS TO ME TO NEGLECT



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1 AN OPPORTUNITY AND TO SHIRK OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MOVE
2 FORWARD. THIS IS A MORALLY COMPELLING PROBLEM. ALL OF US
3 RECOGNIZE THAT. AND INACTION IS SIMPLY NOT ACCEPTABLE IN MY
4 VIEW.

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6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WELL, I WOULD BEG TO DIFFER ON YOUR
7 STATEMENT THERE, BECAUSE WHAT I TALKED ABOUT WAS THE FACT THAT
8 THE HOMELESS COUNT, IN MY OPINION, DID NOT ACCURATELY REFLECT
9 WHAT I HAVE SEEN IN MY DISTRICT, AND THAT GIVES ME HESITATION
10 IN TERMS OF WHEN WE'RE LOOKING AT DOCUMENTS LIKE THAT, WHERE
11 FUNDING WILL GO. I ABSOLUTELY WANT FUNDING TO GO TO AREAS OF
12 HIGH NEED, BUT I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THE WAY THAT THAT COUNT
13 WAS CONDUCTED -- AND I HEARD FIRSTHAND FROM SOME OF THE GROUPS
14 OUT THE THREE DAYS THAT WERE SPENT OUT IN MY DISTRICT, THEY
15 WERE SENT TO PLACES WHERE THERE WAS NO ONE THERE. THAT TELLS
16 ME THAT THE INDIVIDUALS THAT WERE ENGAGED IN GIVING THE
17 VOLUNTEERS INFORMATION OF WHERE TO GO IN TERMS OF PRECINCTS
18 AND STREETS WAS NOT ACCURATE. AND SO THAT DOES NOT PROVIDE --
19 IT'S JUST LIKE TAKING A CENSUS COUNT. YOU'RE OUT THERE, BUT
20 YOU'RE NOT GETTING AN ACCURATE FEED OF WHAT I KNOW AND WHAT
21 OUR PROVIDERS KNOW TO BE TRUE. SO I AM CONCERNED WITH FUNDING,
22 BECAUSE AS WE MOVE FORWARD, I DON'T WANT THE FIRST DISTRICT TO
23 BE SHORTCHANGED. AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE SKILLED
24 INDIVIDUALS AND THAT WE DO COUNTS, BECAUSE IT'S IN OUR BEST
25 INTEREST TO HAVE ACCURACY TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY. AND I



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1 REALIZE THAT THIS COUNT HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR MANY, MANY YEARS
2 AND IT'S VOLUNTEER BASIS. IT DOESN'T TAKE A ROCKET SCIENTIST,
3 BUT YOU DO NEED TO HAVE FOLLOWUP AND MORE ACCURACY. IF WE'RE
4 GOING TO BE TALKING ABOUT BILLIONS, A BILLION DOLLARS BEING
5 SPENT EVERY YEAR THAT WE SPEND, WE BETTER KNOW WHERE IT'S
6 GOING AND HOW IT'S BEING USED AND WHERE IT'S BEING TARGETED,
7 BECAUSE I KNOW IN MY DISTRICT IT IS A BIG ISSUE, AND I'M GLAD
8 TO SEE THAT THE COUNTY HAS BEGUN TO WORK WITH US SINCE THIS
9 BOARD PRIORITY HAS COME ABOUT OUT THIS LAST 15 OR 16 MONTHS.
10 BUT THERE'S MORE TO BE DONE. AND I'D LIKE TO SIDE ON THE FACT
11 THAT WE HAVE GOOD DATA AND DATA THAT CAN REALLY COMPELLINGLY
12 SHARE WITH ME AND MY CITIES AND MY PROVIDERS WHERE WE MAY BE
13 SHORT-CIRCUITED IF WE'RE NOT GETTING THE RIGHT DATA. WE DON'T
14 HAVE ENOUGH PROVIDERS THAT ARE RECEIVING FUNDING IN THE SAN
15 GABRIEL VALLEY AND POMONA AREA. WHY IS THAT WHEN WE KNOW THIS
16 PROBLEM HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE NOW FOR SOME TIME? WE DON'T HAVE
17 THE SAME INFRASTRUCTURE THAT PERHAPS OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTY
18 HAVE TO LEVERAGE THOSE RESOURCES. MY CONCERN IS MAKING SURE WE
19 DO THAT MOVING FORWARD. SO, YES, I DO WANT TO SEE MORE FUNDING
20 GOING IN THIS AREA, BUT I WANT IT DONE IN A WAY THAT'S
21 ACCURATE, THAT ACTUALLY SHOWS US PROOF AND FACTS, BECAUSE
22 THAT'S WHAT THE TAXPAYERS ARE GOING TO ASK OF US. YES?

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24 **SACHI HAMA, C.E.O.:** MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS, I THINK THE
25 CONVERSATION HERE TODAY IS A VERY GOOD CONVERSATION, AND I



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1 THINK THAT ALL OF THE COMMENTS ARE VERY VALID AND SOMETHING
2 THAT AS WE MOVE FORWARD, THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE, ALONG WITH THE
3 OFFICE OF HOMELESSNESS AND ALL OF OUR DEPARTMENTS NEED TO
4 CAREFULLY AND STRATEGICALLY IDENTIFY WHERE THE FUNDING GOES
5 TOWARD. BUT I THINK THAT'S OUR FIRST BATTLE, IS TRYING TO
6 FIGURE OUT THE FUNDING. AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TALKING
7 ABOUT TODAY, IS TRYING TO LEAVE THE DOORS OPEN TO GET SOME
8 KIND OF FUNDING. AND UNTIL WE GET THAT FUNDING, I DON'T THINK
9 WE COULD TAKE THE NEXT STEP IN TERMS OF IDENTIFYING WHERE THE
10 FUNDING GOES. I CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND YOUR CONCERNS, AND OUR
11 STAFF WILL WORK VERY HARD WITH EACH OF YOUR OFFICES TO MAKE
12 SURE THAT THE NEEDS, THE FUNDING IS GOING TOWARD THE NEEDS OF
13 EVERY COMMUNITY, BECAUSE HOMELESSNESS IS NOT JUST IN ONE AREA;
14 IT'S THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY. SO, I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT
15 WE TAKE OUR FIRST STEP TODAY AND JUST PRESERVE OUR OPTIONS.
16 AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT'S BEFORE THE BOARD. AGAIN, IT'S THE
17 BOARD'S DECISION, BUT HOPEFULLY WE LEAVE THAT DOOR OPEN AND
18 THERE WILL BE MORE DISCUSSION ABOUT WHAT SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT
19 GO ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT IF THE BOARD SO CHOOSES OR A FUTURE
20 BALLOT. BUT AGAIN, I THINK WE DO NEED TO IDENTIFY OUR OPTIONS
21 AND PRESERVE THE OPTIONS FOR FUNDING SOURCES. THANK YOU.

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23 **PHIL ANSELL:** SUPERVISOR, MIGHT I JUST CLARIFY A FEW OF THE
24 POINTS THAT WERE RAISED IN THE RECENT COMMENTS BRIEFLY? SO,
25 FIRST, ON THE PROCESS ISSUES AROUND THE POLL, I WANT TO



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1 UNDERSCORE THAT WE DID MEET WITH THE HOMELESS DEPUTIES AND THE
2 POLLSTER TO REVIEW THE ACTUAL DRAFT POLLING QUESTIONS, AND
3 THERE WAS A CONSENSUS AMONG THE DEPUTIES AROUND THE ACTUAL
4 WORDING OF EACH QUESTION IN THE POLL. SECONDLY, ON THE
5 QUESTION OF RELIABILITY, I JUST WANTED TO GO BACK AND
6 UNDERSCORE WHAT WE HAD PROVIDED IN THE PUBLIC RESULTS ON APRIL
7 22ND, THAT WITH RESPECT TO BOTH THE PARKS AND THE
8 TRANSPORTATION MEASURE, THE RESULTS WERE THE SAME IN THIS POLL
9 AS IN THE PRIOR, WHERE THE PARKS MEASURE IN DECEMBER OF 2015
10 ENJOYED 69 PERCENT, THE SAME IN THIS POLL, 69 PERCENT. THE
11 TRANSPORTATION MEASURE IN DECEMBER 2015 HAD 69 PERCENT
12 SUPPORT, IN THIS POLL, 71 PERCENT. SO, JUST ON THE QUESTIONS
13 OF THE RELIABILITY OF THIS POLL, THE FACT THAT THE RESULTS
14 WERE THE SAME WOULD SEEM TO SUBSTANTIATE THE RELIABILITY OF
15 THIS POLL. THAT SAID, THOUGH, I WANT TO SAY, SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
16 IN PARTICULAR, THAT I REGRET THE FACT THAT WE WERE NOT ABLE TO
17 SECURE THIS DETAILED DATA BY SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS UNTIL WE
18 DID FROM OUR POLLSTER. WE, AS I MENTIONED, WE'VE MET ON THREE
19 OCCASIONS WITH YOUR STAFF AND HAVE PROVIDED EXTREMELY DETAILED
20 BRIEFINGS, BOTH PRIVATELY AND OTHERWISE FOR THE DEPUTIES AS A
21 WHOLE. SO, I WANTED TO UNDERSCORE --

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23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I WOULD JUST STOP THERE, BECAUSE
24 THAT'S NOT THE INFORMATION I GOT BACK FROM MY DEPUTIES. THEY



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1 WERE ASKING FOR INFORMATION, AND THEY DIDN'T RECEIVE IT. SO,
2 THAT'S FINE.

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4 **PHIL ANSELL:** AND, IN ANY CASE, I WANT TO SAY THAT WE ARE -- WE
5 CAN PURSUE ADDITIONAL POLLING, IF IT'S IN THE BOARD'S
6 INTEREST. AND THEN, FINALLY, JUST ON SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S
7 POINT, I JUST WANTED TO BE CLEAR THAT THIS REVENUE WOULD NOT
8 BE LIMITED OTHER THAN TO BE SPECIFICALLY TO COMBAT
9 HOMELESSNESS AND COULD BE USED IN THE FULL BREADTH OF WAYS
10 THAT THE BOARD APPROVED IN THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE STRATEGIES,
11 WHICH COULD INCLUDE, FOR EXAMPLE, MATCHING MEDI-CAL DOLLARS
12 THAT WOULD SUPPORT MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE-USE-DISORDER
13 TREATMENT. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, WITH THAT, I BELIEVE WE HAVE AT
16 LEAST 23 SPEAKERS THAT SIGNED UP THAT WILL BE GIVEN PREFERENCE
17 TO SPEAK FIRST ON THIS ITEM. AND THEY'LL BE GIVEN TWO MINUTES.
18 AND WE'LL BEGIN WITH THE LIST THAT I RECEIVED YESTERDAY OR
19 THIS MORNING -- TODAY. NORMALLY THIS GOES THROUGH THE CHAIR'S
20 OFFICE WITH TIME TO PREPARE. SO, I DO WANT TO BRING THAT TO
21 THE BOARD'S ATTENTION. WE'LL BEGIN WITH SPEAKER NUMBER 1, AND
22 I'LL CALL UP IN PAIRS OF THREE IF I CAN. DENNY ZANE. SHARRON
23 HAYNES. WILMA HAYNES.

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1 **DENNY ZANE:** SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS DENNY ZANE. I AM ACTUALLY
2 HERE TODAY WEARING THREE HATS. ONE IS AS CO-CHAIR OF AN
3 ORGANIZATION 40 YEARS AGO FOUNDED IN SANTA MONICA, SANTA
4 MONICANS FOR RENTERS' RIGHTS, FOR WHOM HOMELESSNESS AND
5 AFFORDABLE HOUSING HAS BEEN A PREOCCUPATION FOR FOUR DECADES.
6 SECONDLY AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MOVE L.A. AND THIRDLY JUST
7 AS A RESIDENT OF THIS COUNTY. AS A LEADER IN SANTA MONICA'S
8 RENTERS' RIGHTS, I WANT TO SAY TO YOU THAT MY COMMUNITY WOULD
9 VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED LEADERSHIP IN THIS ISSUE.
10 WE THINK THAT YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE AN
11 OPPORTUNITY, NOT YET A COMMITMENT, BUT AN OPPORTUNITY YOU DO
12 NOT NOW HAVE. AND I THINK THAT'S AN ESSENTIAL POINT FOR YOU TO
13 CONSIDER. DECISIONS ABOUT WHAT EXACTLY TO DO GOING FORWARD AND
14 WHEN ARE STILL BEFORE YOU, BUT YOU NEED TO CREATE THE BEST
15 OPPORTUNITIES. AS AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MOVE L.A., WE ARE,
16 OF COURSE, VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE INTERPLAY BETWEEN MEASURES
17 ON THE BALLOT, BECAUSE BOTH THE TRANSPORTATION AND THE
18 HOMELESS MEASURE ARE VITAL, ARE VITALLY IMPORTANT TO OUR
19 COUNTY. BUT WE UNDERSTAND THAT THAT IS A DEBATE STILL BEFORE
20 US AND THAT WE WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO WEIGH IN. WE ARE, I
21 THINK, PLEASED TO HEAR THAT THE POLLING RESULTS GIVES US
22 COMFORT ON THIS ISSUE. WE THINK THAT, THEREFORE, YOU SHOULD
23 CONSIDER MOVING FORWARD SEEKING TO EXPAND YOUR OPTIONS, AS
24 PROPOSED. THIRDLY, AS A PERSON, AS A RESIDENT, I MUST EXPRESS
25 TO YOU THAT I AM VERY PROUD OF THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE THIS



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1 MATTER BEFORE YOU. THIS IS A MORAL IMPERATIVE FOR OUR COUNTY.
2 THIS IS A MORAL IMPERATIVE FOR OUR STATE AND OUR NATION. YOU
3 ARE AMONG THOSE, I THINK, WHO ARE BEST PREPARED TO LEAD THAT
4 EFFORT. AND I AM DEEPLY PROUD OF THE LEADERSHIP YOU ARE
5 SHOWING, AND I STAND BEHIND YOU PERSONALLY. [APPLAUSE]

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7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

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9 **SHARRON HAYNES:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS SHARRON HAYNES. I AM
10 A RESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES AREA. SPECIFICALLY I LIVE IN
11 WATTS. AND I'M HERE, I'M IN SUPPORT OF ITEM AGENDA 10. AND I
12 WOULD LIKE TO -- I DON'T WANT TO USE THE WORD ADMONISH, BUT I
13 WANT TO HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT THIS BOARD CONSIDERS WHAT IS
14 BEING RECOMMENDED TO THEM. AND I UNDERSTAND SOME OF THE ISSUES
15 OF SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I, TOO, BEING IN AREA 2 OR DISTRICT 2, WE
16 HAVE CONCERNS TO MAKE SURE THAT THINGS ARE ACTUALLY ALLOCATED
17 PROPERLY. AND BECAUSE OF THAT, WE WANT TO -- I ALSO WANT TO
18 ADMONISH YOU TO UNDERSTAND THAT IT'S NOT JUST THE VETERANS.
19 IT'S ALSO THE YOUTH. IN MY DISTRICT, YOUTH ARE SO MUCH IN
20 HOMELESSNESS. AND TO BE ABLE TO HONOR THAT PARTICULAR
21 RECOMMENDATION THAT'S BEFORE YOU REGARDING THE MILLIONAIRES
22 BEING ABLE TO BE TAXED, I THINK THAT IS CRITICAL. I ALSO
23 BELIEVE THAT IF WE GO AHEAD AND SET ASIDE THAT INFORMATION NOW
24 SO THAT WHEN WE ACTUALLY DO WHAT YOU ALL ARE REQUESTING LIKE
25 THE POLLING, THAT IT'S ACTUALLY ALREADY IMPLEMENTED AND THAT



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1 IT'S ALREADY DONE, BECAUSE AS WE ALL KNOW, HOMELESSNESS IS
2 CRITICAL IN OUR COMMUNITY, NOT JUST WATTS, NOT JUST LOS
3 ANGELES, SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, EVERYWHERE. AND SO WHAT HAPPENS
4 IS YOU HAVE ALL OF THE HOMELESS COME FROM ONE AREA TO ANOTHER
5 AREA TO ANOTHER AREA CONSEQUENTLY IMPACTING ALL OF IT. AND
6 WITH THAT BEING SAID, IT IS CRITICAL THAT WE ALREADY TRY TO
7 GET THE FUNDING IN PLACE. AND I ADMONISH YOU AGAIN TO PLEASE
8 SUPPORT ITEM NO. 10 ON THE AGENDA FOR TODAY. THANK YOU VERY
9 MUCH.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

12

13 **WILMA HAYNES:** MY NAME IS WILMA HANYES AND I'M ALSO A RESIDENT
14 IN THE WATTS AREA AND I'M HERE TO SUPPORT NO. 10. AND I ALSO
15 WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND AND SUGGEST THAT ACCORDING TO P-1,
16 MAYBE A STATE LAW COMBATTING HOMELESSNESS NEEDS TO BE
17 IMPLEMENTED, AND IF THAT'S POSSIBLE, LET IT BE. BUT, AGAIN,
18 I'M AGAIN ASKING THE BOARD TO SUPPORT THE MOTION THAT THE
19 SUPERVISORS BROUGHT TO YOU TODAY. THANK YOU. I'M WILMA HAYNES.

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21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'D LIKE TO CALL UP MISS
22 ALICE CRAFT, DOTTY FUENTES, AND ELIZABETH AGUILAR. ARE THEY
23 HERE? ALICE CRAFT? DOTTY FUENTES? ELIZABETH AGUILAR? OKAY.
24 WILLIAM ALLEN. EFREN MARTINEZ. YOU CAN GO AHEAD. STATE YOUR
25 NAME.



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2 **EFREN MARTINEZ:** GOOD MORNING. MADAME CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS, I
3 AM EFREN MARTINEZ, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE FLORENCE-
4 FIRESTONE-WALNUT PARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. I COME TODAY IN
5 SUPPORT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.. I APOLOGIZE. I COME TODAY IN
6 SUPPORT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY LOOKING INTO A BALLOT INITIATIVE
7 TO IMPOSE A MODEST TAX ON THE INDIVIDUALS WITH INCOMES OF \$1
8 MILLION OR MORE. AS A 10-YEAR MILITARY VETERAN MYSELF, THERE
9 IS NO BETTER USE OF THESE FUNDS OTHER THAN TO HELP OUR
10 HOMELESS VETERANS, CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND ADULTS, IN
11 PARTICULAR, THOSE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS. YES, OUR ECONOMY HAS
12 NOT YET FULLY RECOVERED. BUT WE CANNOT TURN OUR HEAD THE OTHER
13 WAY AND THINK THAT THOSE IN NEED AND LESS FORTUNATE WILL JUST
14 VANISH IN THIN AIR. WE NEED TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT AND PUSH THIS
15 ITEM SO THAT WE, THE PEOPLE, CAN HELP OUR NEIGHBORS AND
16 COMMUNITY TO LIVE A BETTER LIFE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND,
17 MISS SOLIS, I WAS ALSO A PART OF THE PUSH OF COUNTY IN YOUR
18 DISTRICT IN ONE OF THE PARKS, AND YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT.
19 THERE WAS A LOT OF AREAS THAT WE WENT OUT TO THE PARK AT 6:30
20 IN THE AFTERNOON TO COUNT THE HOMELESS. THAT'S NOT THE TIME
21 THAT OUR HOMELESS ARE OUT THERE. THEY'RE OUT THERE PAST 8, 9
22 O'CLOCK AT NIGHT. AT 6:30, THEY'RE STILL THERE PLAYING
23 BASKETBALL. THE KIDS ARE PLAYING BASEBALL. OUR HOMELESS ARE
24 NOT NECESSARILY THERE YET. SO, ONCE AGAIN, I DO SUPPORT THIS.
25 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR HIGHLIGHTING THAT.
3 WILLIAM ALLEN, IS HE HERE? OKAY. WE'LL MOVE ON TO MISS JO
4 NICOL, MISS JOANNE FLETCHER, AND JIM SMITH. GOOD MORNING.

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6 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD. I AM HERE TO SPEAK ON ITEM 10 AS
7 WELL AS THE MOTION OF SUPERVISORS MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND
8 SHEILA KUEHL RESPONDING TO THE PUBLIC'S CALL TO ADDRESS THE
9 HOMELESSNESS CRISIS. I'M HERE THIS MORNING TO REPRESENT THE
10 INTEREST OF THE HOMEOWNERS OF PONDEROSA WEST CONDOMINIUM
11 COMPLEX, WHICH CONSISTS OF 216 FAMILIES LOCATED ON VERMONT
12 BETWEEN TORRANCE BOULEVARD AND DEL AMO. THAT'S THE SECOND
13 DISTRICT. I'M THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF OUR
14 COMPLEX, AND I HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE SAFETY OF ALL OUR
15 RESIDENTS, HOMEOWNERS AND RENTERS ALIKE. THANK YOU FOR THE
16 OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH YOU THE ISSUES AND CONCERNS WE
17 HAVE AS A COMMUNITY WITH REGARD TO THE HOMELESS POPULATION.
18 WE'VE HAD A NUMBER OF UNFORTUNATE INCIDENTS OCCUR AS A RESULT
19 OF THE R.V.S THAT PARK AROUND OUR COMPLEX. THEY PARK BLOCKS
20 AND BLOCKS AWAY AND RIGHT AT OUR COMPLEX, INCIDENTS SUCH AS A
21 FATHER CAME TO MY DAUGHTER COMPLAINING THAT HIS 12-YEAR-OLD
22 DAUGHTER WENT OUT ONTO THEIR PATIO AND WAS CONFRONTED WITH A
23 HOMELESS MAN URINATING IN THE SHRUBBERY DIRECTLY BELOW HER.
24 THERE'S BEEN NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE STENCH EMANATING
25 FROM THE LANDSCAPE AROUND THE PERIMETER OF OUR COMPLEX. I USED



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1 TO WALK THE PARKING LOT FOR EXERCISE, BUT I CAN NO LONGER DO
2 THAT BECAUSE OF THE STENCH. TWICE I'VE BEEN TOLD BY DOG OWNERS
3 THAT THEY NO LONGER FEEL SAFE WALKING THEIR DOGS OUTSIDE THE
4 PERIMETERS OF THE PROPERTY. ONE MORNING A WOMAN CAME IN AND
5 SAID SHE FOUND A TOWEL AND A BAR OF SOAP LEFT BEHIND AT THE
6 SWIMMING POOL. SHE RECONSIDERED TAKING HER MORNING SWIM THAT
7 MORNING. THERE ARE TIMES THAT ODORS EMANATING FROM A
8 PARTICULAR R.V. MADE US WONDER IF THERE WAS A DECOMPOSING BODY
9 INSIDE. I'M SERIOUS. IT'S THAT HORRENDOUS. OUR PROBLEM IS NOT
10 JUST THE HOMELESS DRIVING R.V.S AND PARKING AROUND THE
11 PROPERTY. OUR PROBLEM IS ALSO --

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13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. THANK YOU.

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15 **SPEAKER:** TIME?

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17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES. WHEN THE BELL GOES OFF. SORRY.
18 THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR COMING. NEXT SPEAKER?

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20 **JAMES SMITH:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE
21 BOARD. MY NAME IS JAMES SMITH, AND I'M THE PRESIDENT OF A
22 PROGRAM CALLED YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SOLUTIONS, YES, YOUTHBUILD.
23 I'M ALSO A COMMISSIONER FOR THE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING
24 ADVISORY COMMISSION IN THE CITY OF COMPTON. AND I'M ALSO A
25 MEMBER OF THE TRANSITIONAL AGED YOUTH PROGRAM HOMELESS OR



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1 HOUSING PROGRAM FOR YOUTH. I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF ITEM NO. 10
2 AND THE INCREASE OF A MILLION DOLLARS PER YEAR TO COMBAT
3 HOMELESSNESS AND TO JUST TALK AND SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF
4 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND THE REST OF THE BOARD
5 MEMBERS AND THEIR CONVERSATION TO BRING MORE RESOURCES TO
6 COMBAT THE PROBLEM HERE IN THE COUNTY OF HOMELESSNESS. I'M
7 REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT HOMELESSNESS AS IT PARTICULARLY IMPACTS
8 THE YOUNG PEOPLE 18 TO 24 AND THAT OUR YOUTHBUILD PROGRAM THAT
9 HAS BEEN WORKING HERE IN THE COUNTY FOR THE LAST 20 YEARS HAS
10 INCREASED FROM SIX YOUTHBUILD PROGRAMS TO 24 YOUTHBUILD
11 PROGRAMS. AND I THINK ABOUT A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO YOU HAD AN
12 OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR FROM A NUMBER OF OUR YOUNG LEADERS THAT
13 WERE HERE AS WE WALKED DOWN THE STREET WITH OVER 500 18-TO-24-
14 YEAR-OLD YOUNG PEOPLE THAT ARE SOME HOMELESS, SOME JUST
15 RETURNING FROM COUNTY CAMPS AND JAILS, SOME FOSTER CARE KIDS,
16 BUT THEY ALL HAD ONE THING IN COMMON AS THEY CAME INTO THE
17 BOARDROOM A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO IN THAT THEY ARE ALL IN THE
18 YOUTHBUILD PROGRAM. THEY'RE NOT HOMELESS NOW. AND THEY'RE
19 GETTING MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT. THEY'RE GETTING HOUSING
20 TREATMENT. AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, THEY'RE GETTING JOB TRAINING
21 AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH JOINING THE UNION WITH
22 GOOD-PAYING JOBS. I'M HERE TALKING ABOUT HOMELESSNESS AS IT
23 REFLECTS THE 18-TO-24-YEAR-OLD POPULATION. AND ANY RESOURCES
24 OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT THAT CAN COME DOWN FROM THE STATE TO THE
25 COUNTY OR THAT CAN COME FROM OUR TAX DOLLARS AND TAXES THAT



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1 MAY BRING REVENUE TO HELP SUPPORT THIS PROBLEM, WE SUPPORT
2 THAT..

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. JAMES SMITH: ..AND
5 STAND BEHIND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN THEIR DECISION TO
6 MAKE THAT HAPPEN.

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8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE MISS JOANNE FLETCHER, ROBERTO
9 RODRIGUEZ, AND MARY AGNES ERLANDSON.

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11 **ROBERTO RODRIGUEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ROBERTO
12 RODRIGUEZ. I AM AN EDUCATOR FOR COMPTON YOUTHBUILD, ONE OF THE
13 24 YOUTHBUILD PROGRAMS HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. I'VE BEEN AN
14 EDUCATOR FOR YOUTHBUILD FOR THREE YEARS WORKING WITH 16-TO-24-
15 YEAR-OLDS. AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT STRIKES ME IS THE
16 WILLINGNESS FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, ONCE THEY HAVE A SAFE SPACE
17 FOR THEM TO BE ABLE TO CULTIVATE THEIR ABILITY TO MOVE
18 FORWARD, PROVIDING THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE SOMEWHERE
19 ALLOWS THEM TO MOVE FORWARD IN THEIR JOB TRAINING, ALLOWS THEM
20 TO MOVE FORWARD IN WHATEVER PLANS THEY HAD. BUT IN SOME CASES,
21 YOU KNOW, I HAVE HAD A NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE THAT HAVE TO
22 TRAVEL AS SOON AS THEY LEAVE MY PROGRAM AT 4 O'CLOCK OVER TO
23 HOLLYWOOD TO GET TO THEIR HOMELESS SHELTER. IF THEY DON'T GET
24 THERE BEFORE 5:30, THERE IS NO OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO STAY,
25 AND THEY HAVE TO SLEEP ON THE STREETS. LONG BEACH, HAVING TO



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1 GO TO LONG BEACH IN SOME CASES, OR HAVING TO LITERALLY FIGURE
2 OUT WHERE THEY'RE GOING TO COUCH, YOU KNOW, LITERALLY, HEY,
3 CAN I GO TO YOUR COUCH? CAN I SLEEP ON YOUR COACH? CAN I SLEEP
4 UNDER -- I HAD A YOUNG PERSON. HE'S 24 YEARS OLD, YOUNG MAN.
5 HE SLEEPS UNDER SOMEONE'S TABLE. BUT YET, HE'S WILLING TO
6 CONTINUE HIS EDUCATION IN ORDER FOR HIM TO FINISH. YOU KNOW,
7 TAXING PEOPLE THAT MAKE OVER \$1 MILLION, YOU KNOW, MR.
8 ANTONOVICH -- BOARD MEMBER ANTONOVICH MENTIONED THAT THESE ARE
9 JOB CREATORS. YES, THESE ARE JOB CREATORS THAT ALSO NEED THESE
10 YOUNG PEOPLE TO BE READY AND PREPARED, YOU KNOW. AND FOR THEM
11 TO BE ABLE TO BE TAXED JUST A LITTLE BIT MORE, YOU KNOW, CAN
12 ULTIMATELY CULTIVATE MORE JOB OPPORTUNITIES, MORE
13 OPPORTUNITIES, PARTICULARLY FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. OUR YOUNG
14 PEOPLE ARE READY TO GO. THEY JUST NEED THOSE OPPORTUNITIES FOR
15 THEM TO BE LIKE, OKAY, LET ME FIGURE OUT HOW I CAN WORK WITH
16 YOU, HOW I CAN MOVE FORWARD IN MY LIFE IN ORDER FOR ME TO BE
17 ABLE TO CULTIVATE GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITIES IN LOS ANGELES
18 COUNTY. THERE'S BILLIONS OF PROJECTS THAT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ARE
19 WILLING TO WORK WITH. IF YOU GIVE THEM A CHANCE, IF YOU GIVE
20 THEM AN OPPORTUNITY, THEY WILL BE PART OF THE TRANSFORMATION
21 OF L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

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1 **MARY AGNES ERLANDSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARY AGNES
2 ERLANDSON, AND I'M THE DIRECTOR OF ST. MARGARET CENTER IN
3 LENNOX, A CATHOLIC CHARITIES PROGRAM PROVIDING FOOD, HOMELESS
4 SERVICES, IMMIGRATION, COUNSELING, EDUCATIONAL, AND SUPPORTIVE
5 SERVICES TO POVERTY-LEVEL HOUSEHOLDS IN DISTRICT 2 FOR 28
6 YEARS. ST. MARGARET'S IS THE REGIONAL CENTER IN THE NORTHERN
7 HUB OF S.P.A. 8 FOR THE COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM OR C.E.S.
8 PROGRAM, AND I'M HERE TODAY WITH OUR C.E.S. OUTREACH WORKERS
9 CHERISE PAYNE AND SHANTE DAVIS. OUR TEAM PROVIDES OUTREACH,
10 CASE MANAGEMENT, HOUSING NAVIGATION, AND PLACEMENT IN THE
11 CITIES OF INGLEWOOD, HAWTHORNE, GARDENA, AND LAWNSDALE, AS WELL
12 AS THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF WEST ATHENS AND LENNOX. ON
13 BEHALF OF ST. MARGARET'S CENTER AND THE SOUTH BAY COALITION TO
14 END HOMELESSNESS, WE'RE HERE TO ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORT
15 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS' MOTION TO ESTABLISH ONGOING
16 FUNDING TO END AND PREVENT HOMELESSNESS. OVER THE PAST TWO
17 YEARS, ST. MARGARET'S CENTER AND OUR S.P.A. 8 TEAM, LED BY
18 HARBOR INTERFAITH SERVICES, HAS SUCCESSFULLY PLACED 422
19 CHRONICALLY HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES INTO
20 PERMANENT HOUSING WITH THE C.E.S. PROGRAM BY UNITED WAY AND
21 L.A.H.S.A. AND WE'VE ASSESSED AND ARE CONTINUING TO WORK WITH
22 HUNDREDS MORE VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE HOMELESS PERSONS IN OUR
23 COMMUNITIES. THE C.E.S. MODEL REVOLVES AROUND COORDINATION AND
24 COLLABORATION, AND OUR STAFF IS WORKING AS ONE TEAM WITH STAFF
25 FROM OTHER AGENCIES IN OUR S.P.A., SOMETHING I'VE NEVER



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1 EXPERIENCED BEFORE IN MY 30 YEARS OF SOCIAL SERVICE WORK, TO
2 ERADICATE AND PREVENT HOMELESSNESS IN OUR REGION IN LOS
3 ANGELES. THE EXPERIENCE OF MOVING AN INDIVIDUAL WHO'S BEEN
4 SLEEPING ON THE STREETS OF L.A. FOR LITERALLY DECADES INTO HIS
5 OWN APARTMENT IS POWERFUL AND HUMBLING, AND WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED
6 THIS TIME AND AGAIN IN THE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS. THIS WORK IS
7 FOCUSED, COORDINATED, AND HAS PROVEN TO BE SUCCESSFUL. IT MUST
8 NOT ONLY BE SUSTAINED, BUT SHOULD BE EXPANDED TO MORE
9 EFFECTIVELY REACH A GREATER NUMBER OF HOMELESS PERSONS IN NEED
10 OF TARGETED SERVICES UNIQUE TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS. IN THE
11 LATEST HOMELESS COUNT, WE SEE THAT THERE HAS BEEN A 10-1/2
12 PERCENT INCREASE IN HOMELESSNESS IN S.P.A. 8 AND 8-1/2
13 PERCENT INCREASE IN DISTRICT 2. THERE'S MUCH MORE WORK TO BE
14 DONE, AND THIS CAN ONLY HAPPEN WITH SUSTAINED AND EXPANDED
15 FUNDING. THANK YOU.

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17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THE NEXT SERIES OF
18 SPEAKERS IS KRUTI PAREK, ANN SEWELL, MR. ROBERT HAMILTON, AND
19 RUTH SCHWARTZ.

20
21 **ANN SEWELL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M ANN SEWELL, RESIDENT OF THE
22 THIRD DISTRICT, VICE PRESIDENT OF CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY
23 FOUNDATION AND HERE IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION AND GRATEFUL FOR
24 THE LEADERSHIP THAT THIS BOARD IS SHOWING CONCERNING RESOURCES
25 TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM OF HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COMMUNITIES. I



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1 WAS AT AN EVENT WITH TWO OTHER FOUNDATIONS THIS MORNING WHERE
2 WE ANNOUNCED THAT WE WERE PUTTING IN 16 MILLION, WE HOPE SOON
3 TO GROW THAT TO OVER 20 MILLION, TO KICK OFF THE BEGINNING OF
4 PRODUCTION, TRIPLING THE NUMBER OF PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE
5 HOUSING UNITS, WHICH HAVE BEEN WOEFULLY LOW. AND WE CAN ONLY
6 DO THIS IF THERE IS MONEY FROM GOVERNMENT COMING WITH US AT
7 THE TAIL END OF A PIPELINE THAT WE'RE CREATING. AND SO, THIS
8 WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT OPTION THAT YOU ARE CREATING HERE. AND
9 WE KNOW, YOU KNOW, WE HEARD FROM A RESIDENT THERE WHO WAS ALL
10 THREE OF THE THINGS THAT THE SUPERVISOR MENTIONED. HE WAS
11 DRUG-ADDICTED AND AN ALCOHOLIC AND HAD MENTAL ILLNESS. AND HE
12 TALKED ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF HOUSING FIRST. YOU CANNOT GET
13 BETTER IF YOU DON'T HAVE A STABLE PLACE TO START. AND IT WAS
14 REALLY A TESTIMONIAL TO HOW IMPORTANT THIS WORK IS. WE ALSO
15 HAVE TALKED A LOT ABOUT THE FACT THAT WE -- THE POLL THAT
16 YOU'VE DONE, I THINK, IS STELLAR, IS WONDERFUL, AND WE KNOW
17 THAT THE WORK THAT WAS DONE GOING OUT INTO THE COMMUNITIES AND
18 TRYING TO COUNT HOMELESS PEOPLE IS CHALLENGING. IT'S NOT LIKE
19 THE CENSUS. PEOPLE MOVE AROUND. AND SO, WE KNOW THAT THAT
20 COUNT IS SIGNIFICANTLY UNDERCOUNTED. WE THINK WE PROBABLY
21 DON'T HAVE 45,000 HOMELESS PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY OF L.A. WE
22 PROBABLY HAVE AT LEAST 150,000 OVER YEAR, BECAUSE WE'RE
23 COUNTING OVER THREE NIGHTS AND THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO CYCLE IN
24 AND OUT OF HOMELESSNESS. IT'S ODD THAT THE COUNTY OF L.A.
25 REPORTS THAT WE HAVE 72 PERCENT INDIVIDUAL HOMELESS PEOPLE,



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1 INSTEAD OF NEW YORK CITY, WHICH HAS 72 PERCENT FAMILIES. AND
2 WE THINK HERE, THE FAMILIES ARE INVISIBLE. SO THANK YOU FOR
3 YOUR LEADERSHIP.

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5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

6

7 **CRUTI PAREK:** HI. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS CRUTI PAREK. IT'S
8 REALLY NICE TO SEE YOU ALL HERE, AND I REALLY JUST SALUTE THE
9 LEADERSHIP THAT'S BRINGING THIS TO THE TABLE. THANK YOU. AND I
10 COMPLETELY SUPPORT IT. I REMEMBER SEEING MOST OF YOU A COUPLE
11 OF WEEKS AGO WHEN WE WERE HERE FOR YOUTHBUILD DAY. AND I JUST
12 WANT TO SAY AS A YOUTH ALLY AND AS AN ORGANIZER WITHIN LOS
13 ANGELES THAT EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THE DISTRICTS THAT'S UP HERE
14 HAVE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT ARE CONCERNED ABOUT HOMELESSNESS. IT'S
15 VERY PERSONAL. IT'S PERSONAL FOR THEMSELVES WHO ARE OFTEN
16 COUCH SURFING. IT'S PERSONAL FOR THEIR FAMILIES. AND IT'S ONE
17 OF THE PIECES THAT I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH SITES. LET ME JUST
18 BE CLEAR. THAT'S FIVE IN DISTRICT 1, 8 IN DISTRICT 2, 2 IN
19 DISTRICT 3, 3 IN DISTRICT 4, AND 2 IN DISTRICT 5. EVERY SINGLE
20 ONE OF THE PROGRAMS IS CONCERNED ABOUT HOMELESSNESS AND TAKING
21 MEASURES, KIND OF LIKE WHAT WE JUST HEARD FROM THE
22 FOUNDATIONS, RIGHT, THEIR OWN MEASURES TO BE ABLE TO HELP THE
23 HOMELESS COMMUNITY WITHIN THEIR DISTRICT. THAT'S INCLUDING
24 BUILDING HOUSING. AND A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO WHEN WE WERE
25 MARCHING THROUGH THE STREETS OF LOS ANGELES, WE INTENTIONALLY



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1 MARCHED THROUGH SKID ROW TO BRING A LOT OF LOVE AND SUPPORT
2 INTO THE COMMUNITY. SO I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS MEASURE MAY NOT
3 BE PERFECT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, BUT I JUST REALLY, REALLY
4 ENCOURAGE YOU TO SUPPORT IT SO THAT WE MOVE FORWARD TO BE ABLE
5 TO COLLECTIVELY FIGURE OUT THE SOLUTIONS THAT SO MANY FAMILIES
6 ARE DESPERATELY, DESPERATELY LOOKING FOR. AND IF WE PUT ENOUGH
7 MONEY INTO IT, THEN WE CAN ACTUALLY ADDRESS MENTAL HEALTH AND
8 THE LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS THAT IT DESERVES. WE CAN ADDRESS DRUG
9 AND ALCOHOL USE, BECAUSE WE KNOW, ESPECIALLY AS YOUTH WORKERS,
10 THAT THE SOLUTIONS ARE NOT ONE MOMENT. IT'S LITERALLY ONE
11 LIFETIME OF CONSTANTLY SUPPORTING FOLKS THAT ARE STRUGGLING
12 WITH THIS EFFORT. I ALSO WANT TO ECHO THE SPEAKER BEFORE ME
13 THAT HOUSING FIRST. YOUNG PEOPLE CANNOT GO TO SCHOOL UNLESS
14 THEY HAVE A PLACE TO STAY. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

17

18 **RUTH SCHWARTZ.:** I'LL GO NEXT. HI, I'M RUTH SCHWARTZ. I'M THE
19 DIRECTOR OF SHELTER PARTNERSHIP, AND I'VE BEEN WORKING --
20 YOU'VE HEARD ME SAY THIS BEFORE, 31 YEARS ON THIS ONE ISSUE.
21 SO, IT'S A VERY EXCITING TIME. I MEAN, YOU'VE RENEWED MY HOPE
22 THAT WE'RE GOING TO ACTUALLY ACCOMPLISH GREAT THINGS IN THIS
23 COUNTY. AND IT WAS WORTH STICKING AROUND AND STAYING WITH IT.
24 I WANT TO SAY A FEW THINGS ABOUT THE STATE. I WOULD LIKE TO
25 SAY TO YOU THAT THE STATE'S LARGELY ABSENT ON THIS ISSUE. AS



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1 AN APPOINTEE TO THE STATE HOUSING COMMITTEE, WE STOPPED
2 MEETING LAST YEAR, BECAUSE THERE ARE NO MORE DEALS TO APPROVE
3 FOR PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR GENERAL ADULTS, BECAUSE
4 THERE'S NO MORE MONEY. THERE'S NO PERMANENT SOURCE OF FUNDING.
5 NOW, THERE MAY BE. THERE ARE SOME THINGS IN THE WORKS. BUT I
6 JUST WANT TO SAY THAT YOUR EFFORTS ARE REALLY CRITICAL, AND WE
7 CAN'T DEPEND ON THE STATE. YOU KNOW, THE STATE'S BEEN ABSENT.
8 AND THEY'VE ACTUALLY MADE OUR JOB A LOT HARDER. THINK ABOUT
9 THINGS LIKE THE MAXIMUM FAMILY GRANT THAT REALLY DENIES PEOPLE
10 INCOME. THAT MAKES IT REALLY HARD FOR FAMILIES. AND AS A
11 RESULT OF THAT, A LOT OF FAMILIES THAT HAVE YOUNG CHILDREN ARE
12 HOMELESS. AND THAT'S THE GREATEST GROWING POPULATION IN THE
13 HOMELESS FAMILY POPULATION. ON THE OTHER HAND, I WANT TO SAY
14 THAT WHEN YOU PUT RESOURCES IN, AS YOU ARE ABOUT TO, I HOPE,
15 WE DO SEE DECREASES. LIKE IN HOMELESS FAMILIES, YOU'RE
16 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DECREASE IN HOMELESS FAMILIES. YOUR \$20
17 MILLION THAT YOU REALLOCATED AND RETARGET IS THE REASON WE
18 HAVE AN 18-PERCENT DECREASE IN HOMELESS FAMILIES. NOT THE
19 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S, NOT THE STATE GOVERNMENTS, BUT THE
20 COUNTY GOVERNMENT, AND YOU SHOULD TAKE ALL THE CREDIT FOR
21 THAT. SO, I THINK THAT JUST EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES MAKE A
22 DIFFERENCE. WE'VE LEARNED A LOT IN 31 YEARS. AND SO, TAKE IT
23 ALL AWAY. APPROVE TODAY'S MOTION AS BOARD MEMBERS SO
24 ELOQUENTLY STATED EARLIER. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

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3 **ROBERT HAMILTON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M ROBERT HAMILTON. I'M THE
4 NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE PALO DEL AMO WOODS HOMELESS
5 ASSOCIATION. AND I, TOO, APPLAUD YOUR EFFORT. BUT FIRST, I
6 WOULD SAY BEFORE I CAN SUPPORT THE MEASURE, I'M NEUTRAL ON IT
7 BECAUSE I HAVE NOT GOTTEN INFORMATION. AND I KNOW THE POLLING
8 THAT WAS TAKING PLACE. WE'RE DOWN IN THE SOUTH BAY IN THE
9 SOUTH END OF THE COUNTY. AND, YES, LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE HAS
10 GOTTEN BEFORE ME, THERE'S SERIOUS PROBLEMS. I AGREE. I TRIED
11 TO GET THE STATE, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT INVOLVED WITH NO REAL
12 EFFORT. THE INVOLVEMENT HAS COME FROM THE COUNTY. SO, WHAT I
13 WOULD SAY, BEFORE I CAN SUPPORT THAT MEASURE, I'D LIKE TO SEE
14 MORE DETAILS. I'D LIKE TO SEE A MORE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WITH
15 MEASURABLE -- WITH MEASUREMENTS SO YOU CAN MEASURE THE
16 RESULTS, BECAUSE UNFORTUNATELY THERE IS A -- YOU KNOW, I
17 REPRESENT 872 HOMES, SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES. AND I CAN TELL YOU
18 RIGHT NOW THERE'S A LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN ELECTED OFFICIALS AS
19 TO WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE FUNDS, YOU KNOW, THAT THE FUNDS
20 WOULD NOT GO TO ADMINISTERING OF THESE PROGRAMS. SO,
21 THEREFORE, GIVE US A MORE DETAILED, MEASURABLE PLAN. LET'S NOT
22 TREAT THE SYMPTOMS. LET'S TREAT THE PROBLEM. A PLAN, IF YOU
23 FAIL TO PLAN, YOU CAN PLAN TO FAIL. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. OUR NEXT ROUND OF
2 SPEAKERS ARE DEANDRE VALENCIA, MARSHA TEMPLE, BOOKER PEARSON.
3 GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

4
5 **LINDA SANDERS:** HI, I'M LINDA SANDERS SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF
6 MARSHA TEMPLE, WHO COULD NOT BE HERE TODAY. SHE IS THE
7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF INTEGRATED RECOVERY NETWORKS. MARSHA
8 AGREES WITH AND SUPPORTS THE TAX. AND SHE ALSO WANTED ME TO
9 TALK BRIEFLY ABOUT USING MONEY THAT IS AVAILABLE NOW TO HELP
10 PEOPLE NOW. TONIGHT AT MIDNIGHT, 90 PEOPLE WILL BE RELEASED
11 FROM TWIN TOWERS. ONLY ABOUT 10 OF THOSE PEOPLE HAVE A.B.109
12 RESOURCES. SO, 60 PEOPLE -- I'M SORRY. SO, 80 PEOPLE WILL NOT
13 HAVE ANY RE-ENTRY PLAN, WHICH MEANS THEY WON'T HAVE AN
14 ARRANGED PLACE TO SLEEP TONIGHT OR THE MEDICATION THAT THEY
15 NEED FOR THEIR MENTAL ILLNESS. SO, THEY'LL FIND THEIR WAY BACK
16 TO SKID ROW UNTIL THEY ARE ARRESTED AGAIN. MARSHA IS OF THE
17 OPINION THAT EVERY SINGLE PERSON LEAVING TWIN TOWERS SHOULD
18 HAVE A RE-ENTRY PLAN, AND THAT IS SOMETHING THAT CAN BE DONE
19 NOW WITH MONEY THAT'S AVAILABLE NOW. FURTHERMORE, THE HEALTH
20 AGENCY SHOULD USE THE MONEY ALLOCATED TO IT FOR DIVERSION OF
21 MENTALLY ILL HOMELESS PEOPLE NOW. L.A.H.S.A.'S HOMELESS CENSUS
22 SHOWED THAT HOMELESS VETERANS DECREASED BY 30 PERCENT,
23 HOMELESS FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN DECREASED BY 18 PERCENT. WHY?
24 BECAUSE THEY RECEIVED CASE MANAGER AND HOUSING VOUCHERS.
25 THERE'S MONEY ALLOCATED FOR SUCH SERVICES AVAILABLE NOW. THE



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1 PROPOSED NEW TAXES WILL DEFINITELY HELP IN THE LONG RUN, BUT
2 THESE PEOPLE NEED HELP NOW. SO, THANK YOU.

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4 **BOOKER PEARSON:** HI, I'M BOOKER PEARSON. I'M THE CHAIR OF THE
5 COUNTY PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION. I'M ALSO A
6 COMMISSIONER FOR L.A.H.S.A., AND I'M A FOUNDER OF AN
7 ORGANIZATION CALLED UPWARD BOUND HOUSE FOR THE LAST 20 YEARS.
8 IT'S ASSISTED HOMELESS FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN. I APPLAUD THIS
9 MOTION AND HOPE THAT YOU WILL PASS IT. IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY.
10 IT IS NOT THE DETAILS. BUT IF WE MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY, WE
11 WILL MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO GARNER THE RESOURCES ON AN
12 ONGOING BASE THAT WE ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO HAVE. THE ECONOMIC
13 GROUND FAVOR REPORT POINTED OUT THAT THE NUMBER-ONE CAUSE OF
14 CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS IN THE COUNTY WAS THE THOUSANDS OF
15 HOMELESS CHILDREN ON OUR STREETS EVERY MONTH. THEY ALSO
16 POINTED OUT THAT OVER HALF OF THE RECIPIENTS OF AID THAT ARE
17 HOMELESS IN THE COUNTY ARE CHILDREN. SO, IF WE DO NOT ADDRESS
18 THE CHILDREN, THE HOMELESS FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN IN THIS
19 COUNTY, 62 PERCENT OF EVERY CHILD IN FOSTER CARE WHO WAS
20 FORMERLY HOMELESS AND 80 PERCENT OF EVERY PRISONER WAS IN
21 FOSTER CARE. SO WE MUST STOP THIS PIPELINE OF HOMELESS CHILD
22 TO FOSTER CARE TO GANGS, PRISON, PROSTITUTION, AND CHRONICALLY
23 HOMELESS. AND I WOULD SAY THAT I AGREE WITH MY SUPERVISOR THAT
24 HOMELESSNESS IS THE DEFINING CIVIC ISSUE OF OUR TIME. AND IF
25 WE HAVE A \$28 BILLION BUDGET, WE NEED TO APPROPRIATE CERTAINLY



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1 SOMEWHAT MORE THAN \$150 MILLION, WHICH IS LESS THAN ONE TENTH,
2 ONE HALF OF ONE PERCENT OF THE ENTIRE COUNTY BUDGET. THANK
3 YOU.

4

5 **DEANDRE VALENCIA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DEANDRE VALENCIA.
6 THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY TODAY ON THE BEHALF
7 OF THE LOS ANGELES VENTURA CHAPTER OF THE BUILDING INDUSTRY
8 ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. THE BUILDING INDUSTRY
9 ASSOCIATION REPRESENTS ABOUT 1,100 MEMBER COMPANIES THAT ARE
10 IN THE BUSINESS OF BUILDING HOMES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND
11 MORE SPECIFICALLY LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I'M HERE TODAY TO
12 SUPPORT THIS MOTION 100 PERCENT. B.I.A. HAS BEEN A STRONG
13 PROPONENT OF SOLVING THE HOMELESS AND HOUSING AFFORDABILITY
14 PROCESS. SINCE THE 1970S, THE MEMBERS HAVE SUPPORTED
15 JURISDICTIONS BY BUILDING NEW ROADS, NEW SCHOOLS, PUBLIC
16 FACILITIES, AND NEW PARKS. NOW WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP
17 SOLVE HOMELESSNESS HERE IN LOS ANGELES, WHICH IS AMAZING.
18 THERE'S A LOT OF WORK AHEAD OF US, BUT B.I.A. IS READY.
19 CURRENTLY L.A. COUNTY IS FACING A NINE-YEAR HOUSING DEFICIT OF
20 NEARLY 180,000 HOUSING UNITS. AN ESTIMATED NEARLY 46,874
21 PEOPLE ARE HOMELESS ANY GIVEN DAY, AND THE NUMBER OF
22 UNSHELTERED HOMELESS PERSONS LIVING ON THE STREET,
23 ENCAMPMENTS, TENTS AND VEHICLES HAS INCREASED BY 11 PERCENT.
24 INITIAL POLLING OF LIKELY VOTERS SHOWED THAT THE HOMELESS
25 CRISIS IS THE SECOND MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEM FACING THE COUNTY



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1 ONLY BEHIND JOBS AND THE ECONOMY. POLLING ALSO SHOWED THAT FOR
2 76 PERCENT, IT'S LIKELY VOTERS WHO STRONGLY SUPPORT THE
3 NOVEMBER 16 BALLOT INITIATIVE TO IMPOSE A ONE-HALF-PERCENT
4 INCOME TAX ABOVE 1 MILLION. B.I.A. IS 100-PERCENT BEHIND THIS
5 MOTION, BELIEVES IT PRESERVES ALL THE OPTIONS TO BE RESPONSIVE
6 TO THE CONCERNS AND RESIDENTS AND FIND ONGOING FUNDING STREAMS
7 TO SUCCESSFULLY COMBAT HOMELESSNESS THROUGH A BALLOT
8 INITIATIVE. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE SWEET ALICE
11 HARRIS, RYAN AZELL, KEVIN MICHAEL KAY, AND PETER LYNN.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF RYAN AZELL.
14 I AM THE S.P.A. 3 COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM REGIONAL
15 COORDINATOR, WHICH COVERS THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND S.P.A. 3,
16 SUPERVISOR 1, SUPERVISOR 4, AND SUPERVISOR FOR THE 5TH
17 DISTRICT. AND I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION ON
18 BEHALF OF UNION STATION HOMELESS SERVICES AND MYSELF, BECAUSE
19 I'M ALSO A RESIDENT IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH
20 FOR BEING WILLING TO HEAR MY COMMENTS. AS YOU KNOW,
21 HOMELESSNESS AND THE LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING HAS REACHED A
22 CRISIS POINT. AND CURRENT COUNTY-WIDE RESOURCES HAVEN'T BEEN
23 ENOUGH TO STEM THE FLOW. WHAT WE KNOW IS THAT HOMELESSNESS IS
24 AN ISSUE THAT RESPONDS TO EFFECTIVE AND TARGETED RESOURCES. IN
25 THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, WITH LIMITED FUNDING AND TARGETED



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1 RESOURCES, WE HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED THE NUMBER OF
2 HOMELESS VETERANS BECAUSE OF A COMMITMENT THAT WAS MADE TO
3 FUND THESE RESOURCES IN AN ONGOING WAY. BEING OUTSIDE OF THE
4 CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND SEPARATE FROM LARGER URBAN AREAS, THE
5 CENTRAL AND EASTERN AREAS OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY ARE
6 INCREDIBLY UNDERRESOURCED. THIS INCLUDES CITIES SUCH AS EL
7 MONTE AZUSA, WEST COVINA, AND POMONA. WE NEED THE COUNTY'S
8 SUPPORT TO ENSURE THAT EVERYONE HAS A CHANCE TO REBUILD THEIR
9 LIVES. WE'RE IN THE MIDST OF ADDING TO A S.P.A.-WIDE COMMUNITY
10 PLAN TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, AND
11 THIS PLAN BUILDS UPON THE COUNTY'S HOMELESS INITIATIVES. THE
12 COMMUNITY PARTNERS ARE IN PLACE AND EAGER TO WORK TOGETHER TO
13 CONTINUE OUR WORK TOWARD ENDING HOMELESSNESS, BUT OUR
14 RESOURCES ARE STRETCHED TO THE LIMIT, AND WE NEED LONG-TERM
15 SUSTAINABLE SOURCES OF FUNDING TO PREVENT AND END
16 HOMELESSNESS. MANY OF YOU HAVE ADDRESSED HOMELESSNESS AS ONE
17 OF THE TOP ISSUES YOU WISH TO ADDRESS IN YOUR DISTRICT. NOW IS
18 TIME TO COMMIT TO BRING THE LONG-TERM RESOURCES TO BEAR AND
19 END HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'D LIKE TO TO CALL UP THE
22 NEXT SERIES OF SPEAKERS: ARNOLD SACHS, ERIC PREVEN, RITA
23 CAMPLAUGH, MEHE RISDEN. ERIC PREVEN?



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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** JUST TRYING TO BE POLITE. YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN
2 FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT, AND I APPLAUD THE BOARD OF
3 SUPERVISORS FOR PEEKING IN THIS DIRECTION. MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS,
4 THANK YOU. THIS RAISES SOME VERY INTERESTING QUESTIONS,
5 OBVIOUSLY. THERE WAS -- ONE OF MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS'S POLITICAL
6 HEROES WROTE IN THE L.A. TIMES THIS WEEK -- LAST WEEK ABOUT
7 THE HAUNTING PARADOX THAT EXISTS WHERE -- ZEV YAROSLAVSKY I'M
8 REFERRING TO. WHO IS THIS GUY? HELLO, SIR. IS MISS HAMAI? NO
9 PROBLEM. IN ANY EVENT, THIS HAUNTING PARADOX HAS TO DO WITH
10 THE FACT THAT THERE IS MORE WEALTH AMONG A VERY FEW AT THIS
11 TIME IN AMERICA, AND THERE ARE, OF COURSE, AS WE HEARD TODAY,
12 MORE HOMELESS AND FEARING HUNGER AND TERRIBLE OUTCOMES NOW
13 THAN AT ANY TIME. SO, THIS IS THE HAUNTING PARADOX. THERE IS
14 ALSO SOMETHING THAT SUPERVISOR KNABE AND OTHERS ARE AWARE OF,
15 WHICH IS THE SPECTACULAR GIVING PLEDGE AMONG THE BILLIONAIRES.
16 LET'S LEAVE THE MILLIONAIRES ALONE FOR A MINUTE AND TALK ABOUT
17 THE BILLIONAIRES. THERE HAVE BEEN 139, MAYOR ANTONOVICH,
18 BILLIONAIRES WHO HAVE GIVEN ALL OF THEIR WEALTH EFFECTIVELY.
19 IT IS A VERY MOVING TRIBUTE FROM THIS GROUP. THAT AMOUNTS TO
20 \$365 BILLION, SIR. SO, WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT WHAT YOU LIKE
21 TO REFER TO AS CHUMP CHANGE. WE ARE TALKING ABOUT BIG BUCKS.
22 AND YET ALL OF THAT HAS BEEN EARMARKED FOR ORGANIZATIONS OTHER
23 THAN APPARENTLY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, BECAUSE I HAVE NOT
24 HEARD ABOUT THEIR COMMITMENT TO HELP WITH THE RAGING HOMELESS
25 PROBLEM HERE IN OUR MIDST. SO, I WAS WONDERING IF A FIVE-



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1 SIGNATURE LETTER COULD BE APPROVED BY WICKHAM AT SOME POINT
2 WHEN SHE COMES BACK TO THIS LIST OF 139 MASSIVE DONORS FROM
3 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SAYING "GENTLEFOLK, MEN AND WOMEN WHO
4 ARE SO WELL OFF AND SO GENEROUS, FRANKLY, WOULD YOU CONSIDER
5 PROVIDING A SPECIFIC FUND TOGETHER TO PROVIDE WHAT IS NEEDED
6 WHICH WE CAN BOTTOM LINE IT IMMEDIATELY PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE
7 HOUSING FOR THIS POPULATION"? MR. ANTONOVICH'S NOTES ABOUT
8 MENTAL HEALTH ARE WELL NOTED. AND EVERYBODY ELSE ABOUT HOUSING
9 ARE WORD CONSIDERATION.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

12

13 **ERIC PREVEN:** I APPRECIATE YOUR TAKING --

14

15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. AND
16 UNLIKE THE FIRST SPEAKER WHO WORE THREE HATS, I ONLY HAVE TWO
17 HATS, ONE AS A CONCERNED CITIZEN AND ONE AS A MEMBER OF BOWEL
18 MOVEMENT L.A. AND I BRING TO THE BOARD'S ATTENTION THREE
19 DIFFERENT NEWSPAPER ARTICLES. ONE IS FROM 11/25/15 "POLICY
20 MAKER AND CONCERNED CITIZENS," IN THE L.A. TIMES, DEALS WITH
21 MIGUEL SANTANA, AND STATES IN THIS ARTICLE THAT "THE CITY IS
22 SPENDING \$100 MILLION A YEAR WITH LITTLE COORDINATION AND
23 LIMITED RETURN ON THE INVESTMENT." AND YOU'RE MAKING A \$100
24 MILLION ONE-TIME INVESTMENT. THEN I WOULD REFER TO THE STORY
25 4/23/16. "COUNTY/CITY POLLS VARY WIDELY." ON THE L.A. TIMES



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1 AGAIN. STATES IN THIS STORY THAT THE SALES TAX REVENUE THAT
2 YOU'RE CONSIDERING WOULD RAISE \$764 MILLION. AND THEN I REFER
3 TO ANOTHER STORY FROM 3/17/16 IN "THE L.A. WATTS TIMES
4 WEEKENDER" REFERS TO A PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE. IT'S AN AUDIT OF
5 TWO HALF-CENT SALES TAX THAT METRO HAS RIGHT NOW, PROP A, AND
6 PROP C. TWO OF THE THREE. PROP A WOULD RAISE -- IT MENTIONS
7 THAT THE REVENUE IS \$746 MILLION. PROP C SAYS THE REVENUE IS
8 \$856 MILLION. THERE'S \$100 MILLION DIFFERENCE, AND IT'S IN THE
9 NEWSPAPER. \$100 MILLION RIGHT THERE. SO, HOW DO YOU GET -- AND
10 IT DOESN'T EVEN MENTION MEASURE R. SO, WHAT SOURCE OF FUNDING
11 ARE WE TALKING ABOUT? WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT MIKE
12 ANTONOVICH'S MOTION FROM 1/10/13 REGARDING REDEVELOPMENT FUNDS
13 IN THE \$450 MILLION ANNUALLY FROM WHAT WAS REDEVELOPMENT TAX
14 INCREMENTS. AND WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT THE ACTION THAT THE
15 BOARD TOOK ON 3/5/13, THE 75 MILLION COUNTIES ACTION OF
16 AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND. AND WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT THE
17 ACTION FROM 9/14/14, WHERE THE LEGISLATURE APPROVED EMERGENCY
18 SHELTER TRUST FUND.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME'S EXPIRED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
21 NEXT SPEAKER.

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23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** \$5 BILLION A YEAR. SO, WHY MORE MONEY?

24

25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.



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1
2 **RITA:** SUPERVISORS, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS RITA. I'M THE
3 SCIENCE AND POLICY DIRECTOR AT HEAL THE BAY. I'M HAPPY TO BE
4 HERE TODAY TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION BEFORE YOU TODAY.
5 AT FIRST GLANCE, IT MIGHT NOT SEEM OBVIOUS THAT HEAL THE BAY
6 WOULD BE HERE SPEAKING ON THIS MEASURE, BUT THE UNFORTUNATE
7 FACT IS THAT WE ENCOUNTER HOMELESS COMMUNITIES DURING OUR WORK
8 QUITE FREQUENTLY. IN OUR WORK SAMPLING THE L.A. RIVER AND
9 DOING OUTREACH AT COMPTON CREEK, FOR EXAMPLE, WE SEE FOLKS
10 TRYING TO LIVE NEXT TO FLOOD CHANNELS, SOMETIMES EVEN IN STORM
11 DRAINS. AND OBVIOUSLY THAT'S NOT SAFE. THE THING ABOUT
12 SAMPLING IN THOSE AREAS IS THAT IT MAKES IT EVEN MORE CLEAR
13 THAT THOSE AREAS, AS MUCH AS WE LOVE OUR RIVERS, ARE NO PLACE
14 FOR A HUMAN BEING TO LIVE. THE GOVERNOR IN 2012 PROCLAIMED
15 WATER A HUMAN RIGHT. WELL, IT'S NOT RIGHT THAT SOMEONE SHOULD
16 HAVE TO USE AND RELY ON WATER THAT ISN'T FIT TO SWIM IN. WE
17 HAVE TO DO A BETTER JOB BY THIS COMMUNITY. HAVING TO WALK A
18 MILE TO USE THE NEAREST FACILITY IS JUST UNACCEPTABLE. THIS IS
19 AN INCREDIBLY COMPLICATED PROBLEM, AND IT WILL TAKE ALL
20 SECTORS TOGETHER WORKING TOGETHER TO FIND THE RIGHT SOLUTIONS.
21 SO, THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS WHO UNDERSTAND
22 THIS ISSUE AT A MUCH DEEPER LEVEL THAN US, AND YOU'VE HEARD
23 FROM SOME OF THEM TODAY, BUT WE DO UNDERSTAND THAT A KEY
24 CHALLENGE TO ADDRESSING THIS PROBLEM IS CONSISTENT RESOURCES.
25 AND WE BELIEVE THIS MEASURE IS THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS



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1 ADDRESSING THIS CHALLENGE. SO FINALLY, AS A RESIDENT OF L.A.
2 COUNTY, I'M JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT I'M PROUD TO SEE YOU
3 TAKING UP THIS ISSUE. BETWEEN PARKS, TRANSPORTATION, AND SOME
4 OF THE OTHER MEASURES THAT HAVE COME BEFORE YOU, YOU'VE REALLY
5 BEEN ON A ROLL. AND I HOPE THAT YOU AND THE WHOLE REGION
6 REALLY SEE THESE NOT AS COMPETING ISSUES BUT ALL CRITICAL
7 PIECES TO MAKING A BETTER COUNTY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

10

11 **MIJA RISDEN:** HI. MY NAME IS MIJA RISDEN. I'M WITH CORPORATION
12 FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. I WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR
13 LEADERSHIP IN THE PAST FOR COMMITTING COUNTY DOLLARS TO
14 SUPPORT THE CREATION OF PERMANENT AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN
15 THE COUNTY. PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IS AN EVIDENCE-BASED
16 TOOL THAT EFFECTIVELY ENDS HOMELESSNESS AND IMPROVES THE
17 HEALTH AND QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THOSE WHO EXPERIENCE
18 HOMELESSNESS. TODAY PRESENTS A UNIQUE AND CRITICAL OPPORTUNITY
19 FOR COUNTY LEADERSHIP TO TAKE ACTION TO ADVANCE IDEAS AND
20 SOLUTIONS THAT WILL TANGIBLY IMPACT THE PRODUCTION OF HOUSING
21 FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. INCREASING
22 FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR THE CREATION OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IN A
23 SUSTAINABLE WAY IS CRITICAL TO CREATING AND SUSTAINING A
24 HEALTHY PIPELINE OF HOUSING FOR THOSE EXPERIENCING
25 HOMELESSNESS. I URGE YOU TO APPROVE THIS MEASURE TO ENABLE THE



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1 COUNTY TO PRESERVE AS MANY OPTIONS AS POSSIBLE AS YOU
2 DETERMINE THE BEST OPTIONS TO PURSUE IN THE MONTHS TO COME.
3 THANK YOU.

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5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SERIES OF SPEAKERS IS
6 MEREDITH BURKSON, MIKE ALVIDRES, SEAMUS HURLY, JANET KELLY.

7

8 **SEAMUS HURLY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS SEAMUS
9 HURLY. I'M AN VOLUNTEER WITH L.A. VOICE, WHICH REPRESENTS
10 55,000 FAMILIES ACROSS ALL DISTRICTS. I MYSELF AM A RESIDENT
11 OF DISTRICT 2. OF THOSE FAMILIES, I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT SOME OF
12 THEM WOULD VERY DIRECTLY BENEFIT FROM THIS MEASURE. THEY ARE
13 FAMILIES WHO HAVE STRUGGLED WITH HOMELESSNESS OR CURRENTLY
14 STRUGGLE WITH HOMELESSNESS. BUT I'D ALSO LIKE TO ADD THAT OF
15 THOSE 55,000 FAMILIES, SOME OF THEM ARE MILLIONAIRES. SOME OF
16 THEM ARE MULTI-MILLIONAIRES. AND ON BEHALF OF ALL THE FAMILIES
17 OF L.A. VOICE, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY PLEASE SUPPORT THIS MOTION
18 UNANIMOUSLY. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER?

21

22 **SPEAKER:** AND I AM THE S.P.A. 7 COORDINATED ENTRY LEAD FOR
23 SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES, WHICH INCLUDES PART OF DISTRICT 1 AND
24 PART OF DISTRICT 4. AND I ALSO RUN THE SOUTH BAY COUNCIL OF
25 GOVERNMENTS AND GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS HOMELESS



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1 OUTREACH PROGRAMS FOR P.A.T.H. WE'VE SEEN FIRSTHAND WHAT AN
2 ONGOING INVESTMENT IN HOMELESSNESS HAS DONE FOR THE SOUTHEAST
3 LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY. SINCE OUR GATEWAY CITIES C.O.G. PROGRAM
4 WAS FUNDED BY THE COUNTY IN OCTOBER 2012 WITH SIGNIFICANT
5 SUPPORT FROM SUPERVISOR KNABE, WE'VE HELPED OVER 1,300 PEOPLE
6 MOVE OFF THE STREETS AND INTO PERMANENT HOMES. AND WITH
7 ONGOING RENEWAL FUNDS, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES
8 NECESSARY TO KEEP OVER 90 PERCENT OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS IN
9 HOUSING. THIS PUBLIC INVESTMENT, PAIRED WITH PRIVATE DOLLARS
10 INVESTED IN THE COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM, HAS ALLOWED US TO
11 BUILD CAPACITY IN A HISTORICALLY UNDERRESOURCED SOUTHEAST LOS
12 ANGELES REGION. WE'RE CONFIDENT THAT THIS MOTION WOULD BE A
13 CRUCIAL STEP TO ENSURE WE'RE ABLE TO SCALE UP SERVICES AND END
14 HOMELESSNESS THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY AND ESPECIALLY IN MORE
15 UNDERSERVED AREAS LIKE SOUTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

18

19 **JANET KELLY:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JANET KELLY. I'M THE
20 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SANCTUARY OF HOPE, AND I'M ALSO HERE
21 REPRESENTING THE SOUTH LOS ANGELES HOMELESS DAY AND FOSTER
22 CARE COLLABORATIVE. SANCTUARY OF HOPE PROVIDES HOUSING AND
23 EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES FOR TRANSITION-AGE YOUTH BETWEEN THE
24 AGES OF 16 AND 25 IN THE SOUTH L.A. AND SOUTH BAY REGIONS. WE
25 SERVE ABOUT 350 YOUTH A YEAR, PROVIDING A VARIETY OF SAFETY-



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1 NET SERVICES TO HELP THEM STABILIZE AND GET BACK ON THEIR
2 FEET. AND WE'VE BEEN VERY FORTUNATE ENOUGH WITH INVESTMENTS TO
3 MOVE 33 YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS INTO PERMANENT HOUSING IN THE
4 SOUTH L.A. AREA. WE SEE THIS MOTION AS A POSSIBILITY TO EXPAND
5 THE HOPE AND PROMISE OF HOMELESS YOUTH IN SOUTH L.A. AND THOSE
6 WITHIN THE SOUTH BAY REGION BY ENGAGING AND SECURING A MEANS
7 TO AN END TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS IN L.A. COUNTY. IT IS OUR
8 HOPE THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL SUPPORT
9 THIS MOTION, AS WE KNOW THAT YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING
10 SERVICES ARE NECESSARY RESOURCES TO CURB HOMELESSNESS,
11 ESPECIALLY FOR OUR YOUTH POPULATIONS THAT WE SEE. SO, SEEKING
12 VOTER APPROVAL ON A TAX ON PERSONAL INCOME ABOVE \$1 MILLION A
13 YEAR TO GARNER RESOURCES FROM THE WEALTHY IS THE RIGHT AND
14 MORALLY NECESSARY AND RESPONSIBLE THING TO DO. OUR COUNTY
15 NEEDS RELIEF, WE NEED THE TOOLS AND RESOURCES TO DO IT, AND WE
16 NEED TO HAVE THE WEALTHY TO STEP UP AND MAKE THEIR INVESTMENT.
17 THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

20

21 **MIKE:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M MIKE, C.E.O. OF THE SKID ROW HOUSING
22 TRUST, AND I WANT TO COMMEND SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND SUPERVISOR
23 RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR INTRODUCING THE MOTION, WHICH I'M HAPPY TO
24 SPEAK IN FAVOR OF. HAVING BEEN SERVING HOMELESS PEOPLE FOR
25 OVER 25 YEARS, I'VE LEARNED A COUPLE OF THINGS DURING THAT



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1 TIME, AND I'LL JUST TALK ABOUT TWO OF THEM. ONE IS THAT WHEN
2 WE OPEN UP A NEW BUILDING, THERE ARE MANY MORE PEOPLE WHO
3 APPLY THAN WHO CAN GET IN. AND SO EVEN TODAY, WE ARE TURNING
4 PEOPLE AWAY WHO WANT TO END THEIR HOMELESSNESS, WHO WANT TO
5 REGAIN THEIR LIVES. AND IT'S A VERY SAD SITUATION WHEN YOU
6 HAVE TO TELL SOMEONE THAT THERE'S NOT ENOUGH HOUSING TO GO
7 AROUND. NUMBER ONE. NUMBER TWO, I WORK IN THE DOWNTOWN LOS
8 ANGELES AREA PRIMARILY, AND THE ONE THING THAT IMPAIRS A
9 HEALTHY, ROBUST, COMMERCIAL AREA IS HOMELESSNESS. IF YOU TALK
10 TO THE BUSINESS OWNERS IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS THROUGHOUT THE
11 COMMUNITIES, THEY WILL TELL YOU THAT HOMELESSNESS IS WHAT IS
12 HURTING THEIR BUSINESSES. AND SO, I THINK THE PASSAGE OF THIS
13 MEASURE WILL DO A COUPLE OF THINGS. OBVIOUSLY, ONE, IT WILL
14 CREATE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR MORE PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING,
15 WHICH WE KNOW WHAT WORKS. SECONDARILY, IT WILL HELP REDUCE THE
16 COUNTY'S OWN VERY EXPENSIVE CRISIS COSTS AS LONG AS WE HAVE
17 PEOPLE LIVING OUT ON OUR STREETS, UNDER OUR BRIDGES THAT CYCLE
18 THROUGH THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM,
19 COURTS, PROBATION, ON AND ON AND ON. THIS MEASURE WILL PROVIDE
20 THE HOUSING SO THOSE FOLKS CAN GET OFF THE STREET ONCE AND FOR
21 ALL, REDUCING COUNTY CRISIS COSTS AND IMPROVING OUR ENTIRE
22 COMMUNITY. SO, I URGE YOUR SUPPORT TO PASS THIS MEASURE AND
23 PRESERVE THE OPTION THAT YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU. THANK YOU.
24



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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE GREGORY LEWIS,
2 MARY LEE, DIMITRIOS JONES, BECKY DENNISON.

3

4 **MARY LEE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME PRESIDENT AND SUPERVISOR
5 MEMBERS. MY NAME IS MARY LEE. I'M A PARENT ADVOCATE WITH
6 SPECIAL NEEDS NETWORK. I'M ALSO A PARENT OF A SPECIAL-NEEDS
7 SON WHO IS AN ADULT AND HAS AUTISM. I'VE HEARD TODAY MANY
8 FOLKS TALKING ABOUT THE VARIOUS CATEGORIES, ALCOHOLICS AND
9 DRUGS AND WHATEVER, BUT THAT FIFTH CATEGORY, THE SPECIAL
10 NEEDS, THOSE WHO HAVE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND THOSE
11 FAMILIES DO NOT HAVE THE SAME NEEDS. AND HAVING EXPERIENCED
12 CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS MYSELF, A COLLEGE GRADUATE, BECAUSE OF
13 THE BURDENS THAT THE SPECIAL-NEEDS FAMILIES HAVE TO FACE IN
14 TERMS OF NOT BEING ABLE TO PAY BILLS, TO PAY FOR HOUSING,
15 BECAUSE YOU'RE BURDENED WITH TRYING TO GET THE NECESSARY
16 MEDICAL HELP FOR YOUR CHILDREN AND ALSO TO TRY TO GET THEM
17 THROUGH THE ACADEMIC SYSTEM. SO THIS STEP HERE, I APPLAUD
18 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND ALSO SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL
19 FOR MAKING AN EFFORT TO PUSH FORWARD. THE COUNTS THAT WE'VE
20 HAD DON'T REALLY MEAN ANYTHING. THE PROBLEM EXISTS, AND IT
21 WILL EXIST UNTIL WE MAKE SOME EFFORT TO GO FORWARD WITH SOME
22 TYPE OF RESOURCE. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

25



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1 **DIMITRIOS JONES:** GOOD MORNING, DIMITRIOS JONES, E.D. FOR THE
2 PEOPLE OF CHANGE. AS AN L.A. COUNTY RESIDENT, I AM IN SUPPORT
3 OF THE MOTION. THE OVERALL DECREASE IN HOMELESS VETERANS AND
4 HOMELESS FAMILIES DEMONSTRATE THAT TARGETED INVESTMENTS IN
5 PROGRAMS THAT SERVE THESE POPULATIONS ARE WORKING. I ASK THAT
6 YOU TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION ITEM NO. 10 SO THAT IT WILL ALLOW
7 THE CONTINUED SUPPORT AND COMBAT OF HOMELESSNESS IN THIS
8 COUNTY. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

11

12 **GREG LOUIS:** HI, MY NAME IS GREG LEWIS. I AM A COMMUNITY
13 ORGANIZER WITH THE LOS ANGELES BLACK WORKERS CENTER. WE'RE
14 LOCATED IN THE SECOND DISTRICT. THE L.A. BLACK WORKERS CENTER
15 IS A GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY AND RESEARCH CENTER FOCUSING ON
16 ADDRESSING THE BLACK JOBS CRISIS. WE KNOW THE ECONOMY IS BAD
17 FOR MANY IN THE COUNTY. HOWEVER, WE KNOW THAT NEARLY 50
18 PERCENT OF BLACK FOLKS WHO ARE WORKING AGE ADULTS ARE EITHER
19 UNEMPLOYED OR WORKING AT LOW-WAGE JOBS. AT THE SAME TIME,
20 BLACK FOLKS IN L.A. COUNTY ONLY MAKE UP 10 PERCENT OF THE
21 COUNTY'S POPULATION. YET WE ARE 40 PERCENT OF THE COUNTY'S
22 HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS. THESE PAINFUL DISPARITIES UNDERMINE OUR
23 FAMILIES, UNDERMINE OUR COMMUNITIES, UNDERMINE L.A. COUNTY AS
24 A WHOLE. AND THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS HUMAN DIGNITY AND QUALITY
25 IS HAVING AN ADDRESS AND HAVING A PLACE TO LIVE. WE APPLAUD



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1 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND KUEHL FOR YOUR EFFORTS TO HELP
2 STOP THE SUFFERING WITH THIS INITIATIVE THAT INSURES A FAIR
3 SHARE APPROACH TO ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS IN OUR REGION. THANK
4 YOU VERY MUCH, AND TOGETHER WE CAN ALL MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

5

6 **BECKY DENNISON:** HELLO, I'M BECKY DENNISON. I WORK FOR VENICE
7 COMMUNITY HOUSING, AND ALSO AS A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 2 AND
8 SOMEONE WHO WORKS IN DISTRICT 2 AND 3, I'M ALSO VERY
9 ENCOURAGED BY THE LEADERSHIP OF THE SUPERVISORS IN BRINGING
10 FORWARD THIS MOTION. VENICE COMMUNITY HOUSING OWNS AND
11 OPERATES PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AND OTHER LOW-INCOME
12 HOUSING AS WELL AS A BRIDGE PROGRAM FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES. AND
13 WE, TOO, TURN AWAY FAR MORE PEOPLE EVERY SINGLE DAY THAN WE
14 COULD EVER SERVE. WE SIMPLY NEED MORE FUNDS THAN WE HAVE NOW
15 FROM AS MANY APPROPRIATE SOURCES AS POSSIBLE. AND WE BELIEVE
16 THAT A PROGRESSIVE INCOME TAX IS AN EFFECTIVE AND FAIR
17 POTENTIAL LONG-TERM FUNDING STREAM. IT'S REALLY EARLY IN THIS
18 PROCESS. WE ARE COMMITTED TO FINISHING IT ALL THE WAY THROUGH
19 TO HOPEFULLY IN NOVEMBER AND HAVING FUNDS ON THE TABLE. BUT
20 JUST WANT TO SAY FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE SOME HESITATION,
21 TAKE THE STEP TODAY TO GIVE US THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO THAT.
22 THIS ISSUE HAS URGENCY. IT HAS URGENCY FOR THE FOLKS LIVING ON
23 OUR STREETS AND SIDEWALKS. AND IF THERE'S AN URGENCY WITH THE
24 VOTERS, WE DON'T KNOW HOW LONG THE VOTERS WILL BE IN FAVOR OF
25 INITIATIVES LIKE THIS, AND WE NEED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT



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1 WHILE WE CAN. SO THERE MAY BE A LOT OF THINGS TO WORK OUT
2 BETWEEN TODAY'S VOTE, HOPEFULLY IN PASSING THIS INITIATIVE,
3 AND MAKING A DECISION ON A BALLOT INITIATIVE. I WANT TO THROW
4 IN ONE OTHER PIECE, WHICH IS I REALLY HOPE EVERY TIME A NEW
5 FUNDING STREAM IS ON THE TABLE THAT THERE'S A LOOK AT
6 DEDICATING THOSE RESOURCES TO INCREASING THE SUPPLY OF
7 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, WHETHER THAT BE THROUGH THE
8 RENTAL SUBSIDY, THE SERVICES, OR THE CAPITAL. WE CAN'T
9 CONTINUE TO USE TENANT-BASED AND INDIVIDUALLY-BASED RESOURCES
10 AND MAKE A REAL IMPACT ON HOMELESSNESS. AND I DON'T WANT US TO
11 LOSE THE SUPPORT OF THE VOTERS BY NOT MAKING REAL PROGRESS. SO
12 I REALLY HOPE THAT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE THROUGH LEGISLATION, IT
13 CAN BE THROUGH YOUR OWN INITIATIVES THAT THE INCREASE OF THE
14 SUPPLY OF PERMANENT HOUSING IS PRIORITIZED EVERY SINGLE TIME
15 WE HAVE NEW DOLLARS ON THE TABLE. BUT AGAIN, WE SUPPORT THE
16 INITIATIVE TODAY. WE HOPE YOU'LL GIVE L.A. COUNTY THIS
17 OPPORTUNITY. AND WE WILL SUPPORT YOU ONGOING IF THIS DOES PASS
18 IN ENSURING WE HAVE THIS FUNDING STREAM INTO L.A. COUNTY.
19 THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE HAVE A SERIES OF OTHER
22 SPEAKERS. ERIC PARIS, LISA PAYNE, AND JULIE KATZ, JOSEPH
23 MAIZLISH.

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1 **ERIC:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ERIC. CAN I START? GOOD
2 AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ERIC. I'M WITH THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY
3 ACTION NETWORK. I'M HERE TO UNDERSCORE ONE OF THE POINTS THAT
4 MR. ANSELL MADE, WHICH I THINK IS THE CRITICAL THING WE SHOULD
5 UPLIFT AND ALSO WHAT I READ IN AGENDA, WHICH IS TODAY'S VOTE
6 IS ABOUT KEEPING THE OPTION OPEN FOR LATER. I REALLY LOOK
7 FORWARD TO THIS SPIRITED DISCUSSION. I KNOW RAISING TAXES IS
8 ALWAYS GOING TO BE SOMETHING THAT DIVIDES THIS ROOM. BUT I DO
9 THINK THAT WE SHOULD AT LEAST KEEP THE OPTION UP TO DIGEST THE
10 NUMBERS THAT MAY OR MAY NOT COME UP LATER THAT WE WOULD HAVE
11 BEEN PLEASED TO DO. BUT IT IS VERY CRITICAL TO DISTINGUISH
12 THAT THIS IS NOT ABOUT VOTING FOR A MILLION- DOLLARS TAX. THIS
13 IS ABOUT KEEPING THE OPTION OPEN, KEEPING THE DEBATE GOING.
14 AND I WILL ALSO SAY QUITE CONFIDENTLY, SPOILER ALERT, I'M
15 GOING TO COME, ALONG WITH MY ALLIES, TO SUPPORT THAT
16 MILLIONAIRES' TAX. AND WHAT WE WILL SAY IS, WHILE SOME VOTERS
17 MIGHT NOT ALWAYS ALIGN WITH OUR PERSPECTIVE, THE POLLING SHOWS
18 THAT THEY ARE WILLING TO NOT ONLY NAME THIS AS THEIR MOST
19 IMPORTANT ISSUE BUT TO PUT THEIR MONEY WHERE THEIR MOUTH IS
20 AND TO START ACTUALLY TAKING THIS PROBLEM ON ONCE AND FOR ALL
21 IN A SUSTAINABLE WAY. WE HAVE UNPRECEDENTED POLITICAL CAPITAL,
22 POLITICAL WILL ON THE PART OF THE SUPERVISORS, IT SEEMS LIKE,
23 ON THE PART OF VOTERS, ON THE PART OF THE ADVOCACY COMMUNITY,
24 ON THE SUPERVISORS, ON THE PART OF THE CITY. WE CAN KEEP GOING
25 ON AND ON. THIS IS OUR MOMENT TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. AND SO AT



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1 THE VERY LEAST, WE SHOULDN'T BE SHUTTING THE DOOR TO THE IDEA
2 THAT WE CAN DO THIS IN THE COMING WEEKS AND COMING MONTHS. AND
3 WHEN I DO COME IN SUPPORT OF THIS MILLIONAIRES' TAX, I WILL
4 ALSO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT THE HOMELESS COUNT NUMBERS. THEY'RE
5 GOING UP. BUT IT ALSO SHOWS THAT IT'S GOING DOWN WHEN WE PUT
6 RESOURCES WHERE THEY MATTER, VETERAN HOMELESSNESS AND FAMILY
7 HOMELESSNESS. SO WE PUT THE MONEY WHERE WE THINK IT'S
8 EFFECTIVE AND WE APPLY IT TO OUR PLAN AND NUMBERS GO DOWN. I
9 WILL ALSO LASTLY SAY AS SOMEONE WHO WORKS IN THE SKID ROW
10 COMMUNITY EVERY DAY THAT IT IS SOMEWHAT DISINGENUOUS TO
11 SUGGEST THAT PEOPLE ARE DRUG ADDICTS AND MENTALLY ILL. LESS
12 THAN 30 PERCENT OF FOLKS ARE MENTALLY ILL. ACCORDING TO THE
13 LATEST HOMELESS COUNT, LESS THAN 25 PERCENT ADDICTED TO
14 SUBSTANCE ABUSE. THESE ARE ABOUT FAMILIES AND ABOUT PEOPLE WHO
15 DESERVE THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES THAT PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM HAVE,
16 WHICH IS TO HAVE A ROOF OVER THEIR HEAD. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

19

20 **LISA PAYNE:** HI. I'M LISA PAYNE. I'M THE POLICY DIRECTOR AT THE
21 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF NONPROFIT HOUSING. AND AS
22 MANY HAVE SAID, I AM PERSONALLY THANKFUL AND HOPEFUL TO SEE
23 THE THOUGHT AND PLANNING THAT THIS BOARD IS PUTTING INTO
24 MAKING THE KIND OF INVESTMENT IT WOULD TAKE TO END
25 HOMELESSNESS. IT'S OBVIOUSLY A HORRIFIC CRISIS IN OUR COUNTY,



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1 WHERE MORE PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY ARE HOMELESS THAN ARE IN MANY
2 OF THE CITIES IN THE COUNTY. AND AS SUPERVISOR KUEHL
3 ACKNOWLEDGED, THIS KIND OF CRISIS DID NOT JUST HAPPEN
4 OVERNIGHT. IT'S NOT JUST THE COUNTY'S FAULT. THIS IS DECADES
5 OF DISINVESTMENT BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS THE
6 STATE GOVERNMENT AND THE LOSS OF REDEVELOPMENT ALSO. BUT I AM
7 PERSONALLY VERY GRATIFIED TO SEE THAT THE BOARD IS CONSIDERING
8 SEIZING THIS MOMENT TO REALLY TAKE THE LEADERSHIP, TO DO WHAT
9 IT WOULD TAKE TO START TURNING THE SHIP AROUND. AND WE KNOW IT
10 WILL BE A LONG INVESTMENT. WE KNOW IT WON'T HAPPEN OVERNIGHT.
11 BUT I AM VERY -- I AM PERSONALLY GRATIFIED THAT THIS IS WITHIN
12 OUR REACH AND THAT WE ARE CONSIDERING DOING IT. I'M ALSO
13 PERSONALLY THANKFUL THAT THERE IS A CONSIDERATION OF ALL THE
14 ISSUES ON THE TABLE THAT IF ARE NEEDED TO MAKE A COUNTY A
15 PLACE FOR RESIDENTS TO LIVE IN. THE PARKS ARE ALSO IMPORTANT.
16 TRANSPORTATION IS ALSO IMPORTANT. THE STATE SCHOOLS MEASURE IS
17 ALSO IMPORTANT. AND I'M GRATIFUED THAT NOT ONLY IS THE
18 LEADERSHIP OF THE COUNTY IS CONCERNED ABOUT ALL OF THOSE, BUT
19 ALSO IT APPEARS THE RESIDENTS ARE, AS WELL, AND ARE READY TO
20 MAKE THE INVESTMENT THIS YEAR. SO, I HOPE WE CAN MOVE FORWARD
21 AND, AS THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER SAID, KEEP THE OPTIONS OPEN AND
22 SEE HOW WE CAN DO IT ALL. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

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1 **ANJULI KRONHEIM KATZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M ANJULI KRONHEIM
2 KATZ, THE REGIONAL ORGANIZER WITH BEND THE ARC, A JEWISH
3 PARTNERSHIP FOR JUSTICE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. WE ORGANIZE
4 THE JEWISH COMMUNITY AROUND PROGRESSIVE DOMESTIC CAMPAIGNS
5 THAT MANIFEST DIFFERENTLY IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE COUNTRY.
6 IN LOS ANGELES, WE HAVE TWO CORE TEAMS WORKING ON THESE
7 ISSUES, ONE FOCUSED ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM AND ONE THAT
8 RECENTLY DECIDED TO FOCUS ON HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS. SO
9 THAT'S WHY I'M HERE TODAY. WE REALLY WANT TO SUPPORT YOUR
10 DIRECTION TO ASK THE COUNTY C.E.O. TO SEEK A CHANGE IN THE
11 STATE LAW TO ALLOW THE COUNTY TO PURSUE THIS POTENTIAL BALLOT
12 MEASURE TO RAISE FUNDS TO ADDRESS THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS IN
13 L.A. COUNTY. I'VE BEEN AN ORGANIZER AND INTO POLITICS FOR A
14 WHILE, AND THOSE KINDS OF POLLING NUMBERS THAT WE LEARNED
15 ABOUT TODAY ARE NOT TYPICAL TO MOST ISSUES. SO, TO SEE THAT
16 KIND OF SUPPORT REALLY SHOWS ME THAT THIS IS URGENT AND
17 SOMETHING WE SHOULD TACKLE IMMEDIATELY. AS A JEWISH COMMUNITY,
18 WE BELIEVE THIS IS NOT JUST A POLICY ISSUE BUT A MORAL ISSUE
19 IN WHICH EVERY ANGELENO HAS A STAKE. AND I REALLY WANT TO
20 THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS, AND WE LOOK FORWARD
21 TO WORKING WITH YOU ON THIS POTENTIAL BALLOT MEASURE AND OTHER
22 HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS ISSUES MOVING FORWARD.

23
24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?



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1 **JOE MAIZLISH:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON. JOE MAIZLISH, MARRIAGE AND
2 FAMILY THERAPIST WITH A SPECIALTY IN STRESS. AND, AS YOU SEE,
3 I WILL BRING THAT UP AS ONE OF MY POINTS TO TRY TO SELECT A
4 COUPLE OF THINGS THAT HAVEN'T BEEN MENTIONED. BUT I WANT TO
5 START BY MENTIONING THAT THE HOUSING MEETING WHERE SECRETARY
6 CASTRO VISITED, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS SAID WE ARE LOSING
7 GROUND. AND MAYBE HE THOUGHT WE WERE TALKING ONLY
8 METAPHORICALLY, BUT YOU WERE ALSO SPEAKING ALSO PHYSICALLY.
9 AND I SEE FROM THE NOD THAT YOU RECOGNIZE THAT, TOO. SO THAT
10 MEANS IT'S AS A MATTER OF TIME. AS THE TIME GOES ON, HARM IS
11 BEING DONE EVERY DAY, INDIVIDUALS, PARTICULARLY TO CHILDREN.
12 THIS IS ONE OF THE ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES THAT LEADS TO
13 ALL KINDS OF DIFFICULT OUTCOMES LATER IN PEOPLE'S LIVES. YES,
14 IT'S BARREN OF DETAILS. THAT'S GOING TO BE WORKED OUT IN THE
15 PROCESS OF GAINING LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT AND IN GAINING THE
16 SUPPORT OF THE OTHER COUNTIES. THIS IS WRITTEN, BY THE WAY,
17 EVERY COUNTY WILL BE EMPOWERED. WE OUGHT TO HAVE 58 PROPONENTS
18 OF THIS LOBBYING THEIR LEGISLATORS. BUT THAT WILL HAVE TO BE
19 THEN FLESHED OUT WITH DETAILS AS TIME GOES ON AND AS IT
20 BECOMES A BALLOT MEASURE. HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT? HIGH NEED FOR
21 HOUSING? HEY, PUT THAT TOGETHER. WHAT YOU NEED IS MONEY. NOT
22 EVERY UNEMPLOYED PERSON WILL BECOME A HOUSING CONSTRUCTOR, BUT
23 THAT'S ANOTHER POINT. TWO MORE THINGS, THOUGH. THE STRESS
24 AFFECTS NOT ONLY THOSE WHO ARE HOMELESS. BUT AS SUPERVISOR
25 YAROSLAVSKY, ACTUALLY FORMER SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S LUSKIN



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1 INSTITUTE CAME OUT WITH A STUDY, UP TO 30 PERCENT OR MORE OF
2 PEOPLE IN MANY COMMUNITIES FEEL HOUSING INSECURITY IN THE LAST
3 YEAR. AND THAT'S THE ONES WHO ADMIT IT. WHAT HAPPENS TO A
4 COMMUNITY WHEN A HIGH PERCENT OF PEOPLE ARE ANXIOUS ABOUT
5 SOMETHING AS BASIC AS HOUSING? IT'S A DISASTER. TO TAKE HOLD
6 OF SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S CONCERN AND OBJECTION ABOUT MAKING
7 THE COUNTY ATTRACTIVE TO OTHERS, WHAT IS MORE ATTRACTIVE TO
8 PEOPLE THAN LIVING IN A CARING COMMUNITY WHERE THERE'S A
9 STRONG SAFETY NET, WHERE NO MATTER WHAT YOUR INCOME IS, YOUR
10 FELLOWS, YOUR ASSOCIATES IN THE COUNTY CAN THRIVE AND YOU KNOW
11 THAT THEY CAN THRIVE. THAT'S A MATTER OF PRIDE AND IT'S AN
12 ATTRACTION FOR PEOPLE TO COME TO THE COUNTY.

13
14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE ANOTHER SERIES OF
15 SPEAKERS: KATIE HILL, TOMMY NEWMAN, GREG SPIEGEL, ELISA TONG.

16
17 **TOMMY NEWMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS TOMMY
18 NEWMAN. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF L.A. FAMILY HOUSING, THE S.P.A.
19 2 COORDINATOR FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES, ALSO THE LARGEST
20 AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPER BASED IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY.
21 I'M HERE TO MAKE TWO POINTS. THE FIRST, I THINK WE ALL KNOW,
22 WE'VE ALL HEARD IT: NOW IS THE MOMENT. IT'S VERY UNUSUAL TO
23 HAVE 90 PERCENT OF PEOPLE AGREE ON ANYTHING AND 90 PERCENT OF
24 PEOPLE AGREE THAT THIS CHALLENGE CAN BE REDUCED AND 60 PERCENT
25 OF PEOPLE AGREE THAT IT CAN BE SOLVED, WHICH IS UNBELIEVABLE.



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1 AND WE BELIEVE IT AND WE KNOW IT AS PROVIDERS, BUT TO HAVE THE
2 GENERAL PUBLIC WITH US AND ON OUR SIDE IS A MOMENT THAT WE
3 SHOULDN'T LET PASS. I ALSO THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE KEEP
4 THIS TOPIC MOVING TODAY, BUT I'D ENCOURAGE YOU TO MAKE THE
5 ULTIMATE DECISION ABOUT THE BALLOT MEASURE AS SOON AS YOU CAN.
6 THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND HAS STARTED AN OUTSIDE ADVOCACY
7 CAMPAIGN TO SUPPORT THE PARKS MEASURE. AND ALL OF US ARE
8 ITCHING AND READY TO GO BUT NEED SOMETHING CLEAR TO SUPPORT
9 AND A CLEAR MESSAGE TO COMMUNICATE. L.A. FAMILY HOUSING HAS
10 EMBRACED ITS ROLE AS A REGIONAL LEADER, AND SO I'VE BEEN
11 TRAVELING AROUND IN THE VARIOUS HOMELESS. AND THE SAN FERNANDO
12 VALLEY COALITION TOOK A POSITION OF SUPPORT OF THE BALLOT
13 MEASURE. THE WEST SIDE COALITION HAS TAKEN THE POSITION OF
14 SUPPORT. THE SOUTH L.A. COALITION, WHO IS HERE TODAY, HAS
15 TAKEN THE POSITION OF SUPPORT. BUT EVERY TIME THEY ASK, WHAT
16 EXACTLY ARE WE SUPPORTING? AND THEY'RE LOOKING FOR A BALLOT
17 MEASURE. WE NEED SOMETHING TO RALLY AROUND. AND SO, NOW IS OUR
18 OPPORTUNITY, AND I THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR HARD WORK ON THIS
19 ISSUE.

20

21 **ELSA TUNG:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ELSA TUNG
22 REPRESENTING THE LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD LAND TRUST. THE LAND
23 TRUST CREATES AND ADVOCATES FOR URBAN PARKS, GARDENS AND GREEN
24 SPACE IN L.A. COUNTY'S LOW-INCOME, PARK-POOR COMMUNITIES OF
25 COLOR. LAST WEEK WE WERE HERE TO SUPPORT THE POTENTIAL PARKS



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1 MEASURE, WHICH WILL BE BEFORE THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION IN
2 JUNE. BUT TODAY THE LAND TRUST IS HERE TO SUPPORT THE MOTION
3 BY SUPERVISORS RIDLEY-THOMAS AND KUEHL TO TAKE THE NEXT
4 CRITICAL STEP ON DEVELOPING A MEASURE TO COMBAT THE
5 HOMELESSNESS CRISIS. AS THE POLLING RESULTS INDICATE, THE
6 MULTIPLE POTENTIAL MEASURES ON THE BALLOT DO NOT APPEAR TO
7 COMPROMISE EACH OTHER. INDEED, PARKS, TRANSPORTATION, AND
8 AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND HOMELESS SERVICES ARE ABSOLUTELY
9 CRITICAL PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE THAT REQUIRE ROBUST, LONG-TERM
10 PUBLIC INVESTMENT. WE URGE YOUR APPROVAL OF THE MOTION TODAY
11 TO KEEP ALL FUNDING OPTIONS ON THE TABLE FOR ADDRESSING
12 HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU.

13
14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

15
16 **KATIE HILL:** HI. MY NAME IS KATIE HILL. I'M THE EXECUTIVE
17 DIRECTOR FOR P.A.T.H. WE WORK THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY TO HELP
18 HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS MOVE INTO AND STAY IN PERMANENT HOUSING.
19 AND IN OVER 30 YEARS OF OPERATING, WE'VE NEVER SEEN SO MUCH
20 PUBLIC ATTENTION FOCUSED ON HOMELESSNESS OR THE PUBLIC
21 SUPPORT, AS INDICATED BY THE POLLING RESULTS, TO IMPLEMENT AND
22 FUND THE LONG TERM SOLUTION. AS A MAJOR PARTNER THE
23 COORDINATED EFFORTS TO ADDRESS FAMILY AND VETERAN
24 HOMELESSNESS, WE HAVE SEEN THE TREMENDOUS IMPACT THAT THE
25 SMART INVESTMENT OF PUBLIC RESOURCES CAN MAKE. THE REASON



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1 HOMELESSNESS COUNT DATA SUPPORTS WHAT WE ALREADY KNEW. THE
2 HOMELESS INITIATIVE OUTLINES THE STRATEGIES THAT WILL HAVE THE
3 BIGGEST IMPACT. THE SYSTEM'S COORDINATION AND EVIDENCE-BASED
4 PRACTICES ARE IN PLACE WITH STRONG PROVIDERS WHO ARE WORKING
5 TOGETHER LIKE NEVER BEFORE IN EVERY REGION OF THE COUNTY. THE
6 PUBLIC IS ASKING FOR ACTION AND IS WILLING TO INVEST. ALL
7 THAT'S MISSING IS THE LONG-TERM INVESTMENT. THIS MOTION IS THE
8 NECESSARY STEP TOWARDS PROVIDING THE CRITICAL RESOURCES NEEDED
9 TO ENSURE OUR ABILITY TO END HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COMMUNITIES,
10 AND WE URGE YOU TO SUPPORT IT. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, SIR.

13

14 **GREG SPIEGEL:** GREG SPIEGEL, INNER CITY LAW CENTER. AND,
15 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WE'RE CONSTITUENTS OF THE FIRST DISTRICT. WE
16 REPRESENT HOMELESS VETERANS AND HOMELESS FAMILIES AND
17 INDIVIDUALS AND TRY TO GET THEM INTO HOUSING AND TO KEEP THEM
18 IN HOUSING, MANY OF THEM IN THE FIRST DISTRICT IN BOYLE
19 HEIGHTS. FIRST, I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP
20 AND THE COUNTY'S WORK TO PUT US IN A PLACE WHERE WE'VE NEVER
21 BEEN BEFORE. THIS IS A HISTORIC MOMENT. YOU'VE PASSED
22 COMPREHENSIVE HOMELESS STRATEGIES. YOU BUILT COLLABORATIONS
23 ACROSS THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR THAT HAVE NOT EXISTED
24 BEFORE. AND NOW THERE'S STRONG PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR URGENT AND
25 BOLD ACTION. THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTRY WILLING TO PAY TO HOUSE



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1 PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS. THIS HAS NOT HAPPENED BEFORE. WITH
2 HOMELESS FAMILIES AND VETERANS, WE'VE SEEN THE SUCCESS THAT
3 COMES WHEN WE INVEST RESOURCES IN HOUSING PEOPLE. NOW IS THE
4 OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE THE REVENUE, TO BRING YOUR EFFORT TO
5 SCALE. WE'VE NEVER HAD THIS CHANCE BEFORE, AND I'M WORRIED
6 THAT WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE IT AGAIN IF WE DON'T SEIZE IT.
7 AND IF WE DON'T SEIZE IT, THE PROBLEM IS GOIGN TO GET WORSE.
8 WE'RE 500,000 UNITS SHORT OF OUR AFFORDABLE HOUSING NEED IN
9 THE COUNTY. WE ARE 500,000 UNITS SHORT OF OUR NEED. IF WE
10 DON'T ACT NOW, WE'VE ONLY SEEN JUST THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG.
11 THIS IS GOING TO GET MUCH WORSE UNLESS WE ACT NOW. NOW IS THE
12 CHANCE WE HAVE. WE'RE GOING TO REGRET IT IF WE DON'T TAKE IT.
13 THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE A SERIES OF SPEAKERS: BROOK
16 WORSESHAPER, HASID HOSINIAN, CHRIS KO, JONATHAN THOMPSON. GO
17 AHEAD.

18

19 **HASID HOSINIAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. I'M HASID
20 HOSINIAN WITH PUBLIC COUNSEL. AS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT LAW FIRM
21 THAT PROVIDES LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING AND
22 AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS AS WELL AS NONPROFIT DEVELOPERS OF
23 AFFORDABLE AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, PUBLIC COUNSEL SUPPORTS THE
24 PROPOSED MOTION TO AMEND STATE LAW TO ALLOW COUNTIES TO SEEK
25 VOTER APPROVAL FOR LOCAL INCOME TAXES. WE BELIEVE IT IS



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1 CRITICALLY IMPORTANT FOR THE COUNTY TO PRESERVE ALL OPTIONS TO
2 RAISE REVENUE IN ORDER TO DECREASE HOMELESSNESS WITHIN OUR
3 COMMUNITY. AND THE MOTION BEFORE YOU WILL PRESERVE THE INCOME
4 TAX OPTION SHOULD THE COUNTY CHOOSE THIS STRATEGY. AS
5 UNDERSCORED BY THE 2016 L.A.H.S.A. HOMELESS COUNT FIGURES
6 WHICH CAME OUT LAST WEEK, THE NEED IS NOW MORE DIRE THAN EVER.
7 ONE OF THE SILVER LININGS, AS MENTIONED BY ONE OF THE
8 SUPERVISORS, IN THE HOMELESS COUNT FINDING, IS THE NUMBER OF
9 HOMELESS VETERANS IN THE COUNTY DECREASED BY 30 PERCENT. THIS
10 WAS NO DOUBT DUE TO THE TARGETED FUNDING AND EFFORTS TO
11 DECREASE HOMELESSNESS WITHIN THIS POPULATION. LIKEWISE, A
12 TARGETED AND CONTINUOUS REVENUE SOURCE WILL ENABLE US TO
13 ACHIEVE THE GOALS OF THE HISTORIC COMPREHENSIVE HOMELESS PLANS
14 YOU AND THE CITY ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 9TH. THIS MOTION IS AN
15 IMPORTANT STEP TO HELP REALIZE THE RESOURCES NEEDED TO ASSIST
16 ALL PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS IN THE COUNTY. THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

19
20 **CHRIS KO:** HI, CHRIS KO, DIRECTOR OF SYSTEMS AND INTEGRATION AT
21 UNITED WAY OF GREATER LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR
22 CONSIDERING THIS, AND WE ARE HERE TO VOICE OUR SUPPORT FOR
23 WHAT THE MOTION SAYS, WHICH IS, AGAIN, TO PRESERVE EVERY
24 OPTION POSSIBLE. IT'S NOT SUGGESTING THIS IS IT, BUT IT IS
25 SUGGESTING WE NEED TO MOVE FORWARD QUICKLY TO PRESERVE THIS



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1 OPTION IN PARTICULAR BECAUSE OF ALL THE PROCESSES IT REQUIRES.
2 WE ALSO THINK SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE, REGARDLESS OF WHAT
3 IT IS. AND WE SAY THAT IN OPERATING HOME FOR GOOD FOR THE LAST
4 FIVE YEARS. FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS, WE SPENT IT TRYING TO
5 CONVINCE PEOPLE TO CARE ABOUT THIS ISSUE, TO HAVE IT ON THEIR
6 MINDS. THEY ARE NOW BEGGING US TO DO THE SAME. AND THAT IS
7 SOMETHING WE HAVE NEVER SEEN BEFORE. TO HAVE HOMELESSNESS
8 POLLING HIGHER THAN TRAFFIC AND CRIME IN LOS ANGELES IN EVERY
9 CITY AND COUNTY, PUBLIC, AND PRIVATE POLL WE'VE SEEN LATELY IS
10 REMARKABLE. AND WE WORRY THAT WAITING FURTHER THAN NOVEMBER
11 WILL TURN THIS INTO ANGER OR INDIFFERENCE. I'M EXCITED ABOUT
12 THE ELECTION IN NOVEMBER BECAUSE WE THINK THIS IS A MOMENT
13 LOCALLY WHERE WE CAN CHANGE EVERY SINGLE STEREOTYPE LOS
14 ANGELES HAS HAD ABOUT OUR GRIDLOCK, ABOUT OUR URBAN JUNGLES,
15 OUR CONCRETE JUNGLES, AND OUR HOMELESSNESS REPUTATION. THE
16 OTHER THING, WE APPRECIATE THE CONCERN OF WHERE THE MONEY
17 WOULD GO. WE ARE HERE IN CONFIDENCE, BECAUSE WE ARE CONFIDENT
18 OF WHERE THE MONEY WOULD GO. THE CITY STRATEGIES, THE COUNTY
19 STRATEGIES THAT HAD UNPRECEDENTED LEVELS OF PARTICIPATION, WE
20 HAVE A SYSTEM THAT MAKES SURE WE DON'T JUST RELY ON THE
21 HOMELESS COUNT NOW. WE HAVE A COORDINATED WAY TO MAKE
22 RESOURCES FLOW TO EVERY COMMUNITY IN THE COUNTY. AND SO, THE
23 FINAL INGREDIENTS ARE NOW THE PUBLIC AND POLITICAL WILL, THE
24 PUBLIC INVESTMENTS AND THE POLITICAL WILL TO MAKE IT GO THERE.
25 AND THE FINAL THING I'LL SAY IS THAT THIS IS NOT SOMETHING



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1 THAT'S JUST NICE TO HAVE. PEOPLE WILL LITERALLY DIE WITHOUT
2 OUR SUPPORT. I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING WE HAVEN'T UNDERSCORED.
3 SO, I'M HERE TO SAY I LOOK FORWARD TO CREATING AN L.A. WHERE I
4 CAN BE PROUD WALKING DOWN THE STREET OR I CAN BE PROUD WALKING
5 DOWN A SUBWAY OR I CAN BE PROUD WALKING INTO A PARK KNOWING
6 THAT WE'VE TAKEN CARE OF ALL OF OUR HOMELESS NEIGHBORS. THANK
7 YOU.

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9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

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11 **JONATHAN THOMPSON:** HI, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JONATHAN
12 THOMPSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF GOOD SEED. AS CHAIR OF THE
13 S.P.A. 6 HOMELESS COALITION AND CO-CHAIR OF THE LOS ANGELES
14 COALITION TO END YOUTH HOMELESSNESS, WE ARE STRONGLY IN
15 SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED MOTION. INCREASINGLY WE ARE ALL SEEING
16 ENCAMPMENTS AND TENTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AS NEVER BEFORE.
17 HOMELESS YOUTH, ADULTS, FAMILIES ARE SLEEPING IN PARKS, ON
18 BUSES, BEHIND BUILDINGS, AND NOW ON PUBLIC SIDEWALKS
19 THROUGHOUT ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTY. BEFORE, HOMELESSNESS WAS
20 OUT OF SIGHT AND IN THE SHADOWS. HOWEVER, NOW IT'S IN PLAIN
21 SIGHT AND THE SHADOWS ARE FULL. AND NOW THOUSANDS OF HOMELESS
22 YOUTH, ADULTS, AND FAMILIES, ESPECIALLY THOSE WITH MENTAL
23 ILLNESS, ARE COUNTING ON ALL OF US TO SUPPORT, TO PROVIDE THE
24 SUPPORT AND RESOURCES NECESSARY TO HELP THEM OBTAIN STABLE
25 HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES. SERVICE PROVIDERS THROUGHOUT



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1 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ARE WILLING TO DO OUR PART. HOWEVER,
2 WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO CREATE THE INFRASTRUCTURE SO PROVIDERS
3 CAN HAVE THE RESOURCES AND TOOLS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE
4 COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES. LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS THE WORLD LEADER
5 IN AEROSPACE, CLEAN TECHNOLOGY, ENTERTAINMENT, FASHION,
6 HEALTHCARE, AND TOURISM. THIS MOTION TO DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO
7 PURSUE A BALLOT INITIATIVE WOULD HELP MOVE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
8 TO ALSO BEING THE WORLD LEADER IN SUCCESSFULLY COMBATING
9 HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU.

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11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE MORE SPEAKERS:
12 BROOK WARSHAPER, ANGELA SPELL, ANN MISKY, ALEX JOHNSON.

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14 **ANN MISKY:** MADAME CHAIR, SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR
15 SUPPORT ON THIS ISSUE. IT IS AMAZING TO SEE ALL THAT HAS BEEN
16 DONE OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS. BUT RIGHT NOW WE ARE AT AN
17 UNPRECEDENTED MOMENT IN TIME. WE CAN EITHER GO FORWARD BOLDLY
18 AND SOLVE THIS CRISIS IN OUR COUNTY, OR WE CAN SIT BACK IN THE
19 STATUS QUO, AND NEXT YEAR WE WILL SEE MORE PEOPLE LIVING IN
20 BOXES, IN TENTS, AND DYING ON OUR STREETS. MY NAME IS ANN
21 MISKY. I AM C.E.O. OF DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER, AN AGENCY THAT
22 SEES AN INCREASING NUMBER OF WOMEN WHO EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS
23 WALKING THROUGH OUR DOORS ON A DAILY BASIS. AND I AM HERE TO
24 SPEAK STRONGLY IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. IT COMES AT A
25 CRITICAL TIME. AS HAS BEEN SAID MANY TIMES TODAY, HOMELESSNESS



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1 IS AT THE TOP OF EVERYONE'S MIND. WE ARE SEEING THE MEDIA
2 COVER THIS DAILY. WE ARE SEEING PEOPLE TALKING ABOUT IT
3 THROUGHOUT OUR CITY AND COUNTY. WE KNOW THAT IF APPROVED, THE
4 TAX COULD COVER THE COUNTY'S OWN AMAZING PLAN AND COULD REALLY
5 PROVIDE HOUSING AND TARGETED SERVICES TOWARDS SPECIFIC
6 POPULATIONS LIKE OUR YOUTH, LIKE FAMILIES, LIKE WOMEN. AND WE
7 COULD END HOMELESSNESS FOR THE MORE THAN 46,000 INDIVIDUALS
8 AND MORE THAN 14,000 WOMEN WHO EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS ON A
9 DAILY BASIS. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS MEASURE DOES HAVE THE
10 SUPPORT IT NEEDS TO PASS. THE CITIZENS OF THIS COUNTY HAVE
11 SPOKEN LOUDLY, AND THEY ARE LOOKING TO YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP
12 IN THIS. THEY ARE LOOKING FOR YOU TO TAKE ACTION ON
13 HOMELESSNESS. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH IN OUR COUNTY. SO, PLEASE, I
14 RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT YOU MOVE THIS MOTION FORWARD, THAT YOU
15 SAY YES TO IT, AND CONTINUE TO SHOW THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES
16 COUNTY THAT YOU ARE COMMITTED TO ENDING HOMELESSNESS. THANK
17 YOU.

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19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

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21 **ANGELA SPELL:** MY NAME IS ANGELA SPELL, AND I'M PRINCIPAL
22 CONSULTANT OF STRATEGIST CONSULTING GROUP. AND I JUST WANTED
23 TO MAKE A STATEMENT IN PARTICULAR ADDRESSING SOMETHING THAT
24 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH RAISED ABOUT WHO THE HOMELESS
25 POPULATIONS ARE IN LOS ANGELES. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK



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1 ALL OF THE SUPERVISORS FOR HAVING THIS HEARING AND ACKNOWLEDGE
2 THE CHAIR AND FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
3 THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL. APPRECIATE IT. I JUST WANT TO
4 TAKE A BIT OF THE LONG VIEW, BECAUSE AS THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER
5 MENTIONED, I THINK THERE'S AN AREA OF THE HOMELESS POPULATION
6 THAT IS NOT NECESSARILY RECOGNIZED, AND WE NEED TO RAISE
7 AWARENESS WITH ABOUT THAT. AND THAT IS IN PARTICULAR
8 PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE WHO HAVE -- AND BLUE-COLLAR WORKERS WHO
9 HAVE WORKED ALL OF THEIR LIVES BUT FOUND THEMSELVES, AS A
10 RESULT OF SOME MISHAPPENSTANCE OR PERHAPS DISABILITY, TO BE
11 HOMELESS. AND AS THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER MENTIONED, OFTENTIMES
12 THOSE ARE WOMEN. SO, I WOULD LIKE TO JUST MAKE THE POINT OF
13 AGREEMENT WITH SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS THAT I'M SURE THE
14 NUMBERS THAT WE SEE, I MEAN THE WORK I DO IS EVIDENCE-BASED
15 KIND OF RESEARCH. AND I'M SURE THE NUMBER THAT SUPERVISOR
16 SOLIS ALSO RAISED IS AN UNDERCOUNT OF WHAT WE ACTUALLY SEE.
17 THERE ARE WOMEN, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT ARE IN SHELTERS THAT I'M
18 SURE ARE NOT COUNTED AND MANY OF WHOM ARE DISABLED. AND I AM
19 ACTUALLY ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN HOMELESS BECAUSE
20 OF A DISABILITY. SO, I JUST WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO TAKE THIS
21 OPPORTUNITY TO PRESERVE THIS AREA FOR PUBLIC POLICY, PROGRESS
22 ON THIS MATTER, AS YOU HAVE SO DONE ALREADY, AND TO PASS THIS
23 MOTION. THANK YOU.

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25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.



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2 **ALEX JOHNSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ALEX JOHNSON,
3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND, CALIFORNIA.
4 THE CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND CALIFORNIA JOINS IN STRONG SUPPORT
5 OF THE MOTION BY SUPERVISORS RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SHEILA KUEHL TO
6 PRESERVE THE OPTION. HOMELESSNESS IS AT A CRISIS LEVEL, AND
7 THE 2016 HOMELESS COUNT DATA MAKES THAT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR. AND
8 THE CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND CALIFORNIA HAS FOCUSED ON THE
9 ISSUE OF ENDING CHILD POVERTY. WE TOO OFTEN FORGET THAT THOSE
10 WHO ARE INVISIBLE AND HIDING IN THE SHADOWS ARE OFTEN CHILDREN
11 WHO ARE HOMELESS. ACCORDING TO THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU
12 SUPPLEMENTAL POVERTY MEASURE, WHICH ADJUSTS FOR COST OF
13 LIVING, CALIFORNIA HAS THE HIGHEST POVERTY RATE OF 23.4
14 PERCENT AND THE HIGHEST CHILD POVERTY RATE OF 24.8 PERCENT. WE
15 HAVE OVER 9.1 MILLION CHILDREN IN CALIFORNIA OUT OF 39 MILLION
16 RESIDENTS, AND 73 PERCENT ARE NON-WHITE WHO ARE LIVING IN
17 POVERTY. 1 IN 10 CHILDREN LIVE IN DEEP POVERTY IN CALIFORNIA,
18 WHICH MEANS A FAMILY OF 3 IS MAKING LESS THAN \$10,000 A YEAR.
19 526,000 HOMELESS CHILDREN IN THE COUNTRY LIVE IN CALIFORNIA.
20 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, ALMOST 55,000 STUDENTS ARE HOMELESS,
21 THE HIGHEST NUMBERS IN GRADES KINDERGARTEN THROUGH SIXTH
22 GRADE. THE LARGEST SCHOOL DISTRICT, L.A.U.S.D., REPORTS THAT
23 OVER 13,000 HOMELESS STUDENTS ARE RECEIVING AN EDUCATION IN
24 L.A.U.S.D. AND THAT NUMBER MAY BE EVEN HIGHER, GIVEN THAT THAT
25 DATA IS SELF-REPORTED. WE KNOW IT WORKS TO SIGNIFICANTLY



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1 REDUCE HOMELESSNESS IN THIS COUNTY, ENDING POVERTY, SUCH AS
2 REPEALING THE MAXIMUM FAMILY GRANT RULE IN CALWORKS AND THE
3 LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING. WE HAVE A MORAL OBLIGATION TO
4 IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF THOSE WHO ARE HOMELESS,
5 SLEEPING IN SHELTERS AND CARS AND HOTELS OR DOUBLED UP ON A
6 COUCH. INNUMERABLE INDIVIDUALS ARE JUST ONE PAYCHECK, ONE
7 ILLNESS, ONE FAMILY CRISIS AWAY FROM HOMELESSNESS. AND SO I
8 URGE STRONG SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION TO PRESERVE THE OPTION.
9 LET'S NOT MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO STOP THE WORSENING OF THIS
10 ISSUE. THANK YOU.

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12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE ERNEST SAVAGE, KIM
13 ALEXANDER, OSCAR MOHAMMED, REBA STEVENS.

14

15 **ERNEST SAVAGE:** HI, MY NAME IS ERNEST SAVAGE, AND I'M A
16 DOCUMENTARY FILMMAKER. THERE'S BEEN SUCH GREAT TESTIMONY
17 TODAY. I'M NOT SURE HOW MUCH I COULD ADD, BUT I WANTED TO BE
18 HERE FOR THIS HISTORIC MOMENT. I FIRST STARTED PROTESTING
19 AGAINST THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, OR AS I LIKE TO CALL YOU,
20 THE BOSS, ALMOST 20 YEARS AGO. JUST BEFORE THAT, THE BOSS
21 REDUCED GENERAL RELIEF FROM \$384 A MONTH TO \$221 A MONTH. THAT
22 REDUCTION WAS A DEVASTATING BLOW TO SINGLE-ROOM OCCUPANCY
23 HOTELS IN PLACES LIKE SKID ROW. THOSE HOTELS DEPENDED ON THAT
24 MONEY FOR THEIR MEAGER OPERATING COSTS. OVER THE YEARS,
25 THOUSANDS OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE CITIZENS LOST ACCESS TO THE



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1 VERY FIRST RUNG OF L.A.'S SAFETY NET AND ENTERED OR REENTERED
2 HOMELESSNESS. THE BOSS WAS VERY DIFFERENT THEN. I'M SO
3 ENERGIZED BY THIS NEW COMPOSITION AND BY THE CHANGE OF HEART
4 OF OUR ELECTORATE. I RECENTLY SPOKE WITH JAMES BONNER, THE
5 FORMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SKID ROW HOUSING TRUST. MR.
6 BONNER HAS DESIGNED AND/OR BUILT THOUSANDS OF PERMANENT
7 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING UNITS HERE IN LOS ANGELES. HE IS CONVINCED
8 L.A. COULD SOLVE ITS HOMELESS PROBLEM WITH A BILLION DOLLARS A
9 YEAR. I THINK WE CAN DEFINITELY HOUSE EVERYONE CURRENTLY ON
10 THE STREET AND THOSE FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS IN THE NEAR
11 FUTURE WITH THESE INITIATIVES. EVENTUALLY WE HAVE TO FIGHT AT
12 THE NATIONAL LEVEL FOR STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN OUR ECONOMY AND
13 SOCIAL POLICIES AND THE SPLIT ROW OF PROP. 13 AT THE STATE
14 LEVEL TO REBUILD OUR STATE AND LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE. WITHOUT
15 ACCESS TO GOOD JOBS, FIRST AND FOREMOST, AND GOOD SCHOOLS,
16 PREVENTATIVE HEALTHCARE, AND OTHER SOCIAL SERVICES, OUR
17 SOCIETY WILL CONTINUE TO PUSH PEOPLE INTO HOMELESSNESS. I'VE
18 BEEN DOCUMENTING THE STRUCTURAL FACTORS THAT CAUSE
19 HOMELESSNESS IN LOS ANGELES FOR OVER A DECADE. I CAN'T THINK
20 OF A BETTER WAY TO END THIS SERIES THAN TO SHOW THESE
21 INITIATIVES WINNING AND TO SHOW THE LEADERSHIP OF LOS ANGELES
22 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'LL DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO HELP
23 THESE INITIATIVES PASS. IN ALMOST EVERY MEASURE OF OUR
24 HUMANITY, THE UNITED STATES CURRENTLY RANKS AS BARBARIC
25 COMPARED TO MOST ADVANCED INDUSTRIAL NATIONS. LEAVING PEOPLE



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1 WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL ON THE STREETS WITH NO OPTIONS ONLY
2 CEMENTS OUR REPUTATION. LET'S DITCH OUR LONG-DESERVED TITLE OF
3 HOMELESS CAPITAL OF AMERICA. LET'S JOIN NEW YORK..

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR.

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7 **ERNEST SAVAGE:** ..AND LEAD THIS NATION INTO A MORAL
8 TRANSFORMATION THAT UNEQUIVOCALLY DEMANDS THAT EVERY CHILD OF
9 GOD BE TREATED AS SUCH AND THAT EVERY HUMAN BEING HAS A HOME.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **KIM ALEXANDER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS KIM ALEXANDER AND I
14 WORK WITH MISS CRAFT IN THE AVALON GARDENS COMMUNITY GARDENS
15 ASSOCIATION AND WE IN OUR COMMUNITY DEFINITELY SUPPORT ITEM
16 NO. 10. IT'S MANY, MANY LEVELS AND THERE ARE SEVERAL THAT I
17 HAVEN'T HEARD TODAY, SO I'LL TRY TO MAKE THIS BRIEF. THERE'S
18 TWO THAT I DRIVE THROUGH EVERY DAY WHEN I TAKE MY DAUGHTER TO
19 SCHOOL. I'M A RESIDENT OF SOUTH L.A., AND THERE ARE THOSE THAT
20 LIVE IN TRAILERS AND/OR CAMPERS THAT LIFE DOES WHATEVER, YOUR
21 401(K), REAL ESTATE, WE COULD GO ON AND ON. THAT'S ANOTHER
22 CHAPTER. BUT YOU GET OUT OF YOUR CAMPER, YOU GET IN YOUR CAR,
23 AND YOU GO TO YOUR JOB. AND THAT'S OBVIOUSLY STILL A JOB NOT
24 PAYING ENOUGH TO MAINTAIN A HOME, WHICH IS ANOTHER
25 CONVERSATION. AND, AGAIN, THERE ARE THOSE FAMILIES THAT HAVE



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1 TENT HOMES AT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON, AND WE CONTACTED
2 THEM ASKING THEM TO MOVE, BECAUSE THAT'S NOT A GOOD SIGHT TO
3 LOOK AT WHEN YOU'RE GOING SCHOOL, OR SEEING FAMILIES TENTING
4 ON THE BUS STOPS. I DIDN'T KNOW THAT WAS LEGAL. THAT'S ANOTHER
5 CONVERSATION. I CANNOT EMPHASIZE HOW IMPORTANT IT IS. PLEASE
6 DON'T TAKE THIS OFF THE TABLE. I KNOW THESE NUMBERS ARE VERY
7 OFF. AS I SAY, I'M A RESIDENT. I WANT MY COMMUNITY TO THRIVE
8 AND BE WONDERFUL. AND I HAVE TO SAY FOR -- AND I DON'T SEE
9 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, BUT MAYBE CALIFORNIA CAN OFFER A
10 BUSINESS TAX LIKE NEW YORK AND THEY WON'T GO TO ATLANTA OR
11 DALLAS. I MEAN, YOU GOT TO MAKE IT FUZZY FOR THE BUSINESSMEN,
12 TOO, BECAUSE IT'S ALL ABOUT PROFIT. SO, AGAIN, I TOTALLY
13 SUPPORT YOU. OUR COMMUNITY SUPPORTS YOU. WE THANK YOU FOR IT.
14 I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU ON IT IN MY
15 NEIGHBORHOOD, BECAUSE I WANT IT TO LOOK NICE AND TO THRIVE.
16 THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER? OSCAR MOHAMMED?

19

20 **OSCAR MOHAMMED:** OH, YES. MY NAME IS OSCAR MOHAMMED. I SPEAK
21 FOR THE OPPRESSED, I SPEAK FOR THE STRUGGLING POOR, AND I
22 SPEAK FOR CULTURE CHANGE. BUT WE LOOK IN HISTORY, WE SEE UNDER
23 CAPITALISM, A LOT OF TECHNOLOGY WAS INVENTED. AND A LOT OF
24 TECHNOLOGY MOVED THE MANUAL LABOR AND THE MANUAL LABOR
25 WORKERS, PEOPLE LOST THEIR JOBS BY THE MILLIONS. BUT, ANYWAY,



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1 WE SHOULD TRY TO FIND -- WE SHOULD CHANGE THE LEGAL SYSTEM TO
2 COMBAT HOMELESSNESS TO BRING JOBS FOR DIGNITY. THERE IS NO
3 DIGNITY SLEEPING ON A SIDEWALK. WE HAVE AN IDLE ENVIRONMENT.
4 AND IDLE ENVIRONMENT IS A VERY DESTRUCTIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR US.
5 WE SHOULD TRY TO FIND A WAY TO EDUCATE OURSELVES BETTER AND
6 PRODUCE BETTER. BUT ANYWAY, WE COULD GET MORE TAXES AND SAY
7 MORE FUNDS AND EVERYTHING, BUT ALL THE MONEY WE GET FROM THE
8 GOVERNMENT, THEY BRING BIGGER TAXES. BIGGER GOVERNMENT, BIGGER
9 TAXES. BUT A LOT OF TIMES WE THINK ABOUT HOMES, WE THINK ABOUT
10 FAMILIES. AND I'M A BLACK MAN AND I SEE WHERE THE BLACK
11 FAMILIES IN BIG CITIES ARE TOTALLY DESTROYED BY GOVERNMENT BUT
12 THE BLACK FAMILIES DOWN SOUTH AND MIDWEST ARE SURVIVING FAR
13 BETTER. BUT ANYWAY, AND THE HOMELESSNESS DON'T HAVE PROBLEMS
14 DOWN SOUTH AND MIDWEST. THE POLITICIANS TRY TO GO CLOSER TO
15 THE CONSTITUTION THAT GOVERNS THEM. THEY DON'T ASK MONEY FOR,
16 YOU KNOW, FOR HOMELESSNESS AND PEOPLE NEVER GO TOWARD THE
17 PROBLEM THEY SHOULD GO TO.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

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21 **REBA STEVENS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS REBA STEVENS, AND I
22 AM A RESIDENT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT. AND I FIRST WANT TO SAY
23 THANK YOU FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. AS A FORMER HOMELESS
24 INDIVIDUAL, I'D LIKE TO SPEAK TO YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
25 AND SUPERVISOR KNABE. THE CONCERNS THAT I HAVE IS THAT THERE



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1 ARE SO MANY WHO ARE HOMELESS. AS A RESULT OF MY HOMELESSNESS,
2 I EXPERIENCED HOPELESSNESS AND HELPLESSNESS, FEAR, NO PLACE TO
3 GO, HUNGER. I WAS IN AND OUT OF JAIL. I WAS ARRESTED 10 TIMES
4 FOR PETTY THEFT AND TWICE FOR BEING HOMELESS. ALCOHOL AND
5 DRUGS BECAME MY BEST FRIENDS, BECAUSE IT ALLOWED ME NOT TO
6 FEEL THE FEELINGS FROM THE THOUGHTS THAT WERE GOING ON INSIDE
7 MY HEAD. I HAD A FAMILY WHO HAD NO IDEA AS TO WHERE I WAS,
8 WHETHER I WAS DEAD OR ALIVE. I OFTENTIMES WONDER, DOES IT TAKE
9 ONE TO HAVE TO EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS TO REALLY GET IT? THIS
10 IS THE TIME. IT'S TIME TO RESET. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY IN
11 WHICH I HOPE THAT WE DON'T LET GO. TODAY IS MY BIRTHDAY, AND I
12 WAS OFFERED AN OPPORTUNITY TO GO OUT TO LUNCH. BUT THIS IS
13 WHAT I'D RATHER DO, BECAUSE THIS IS WHAT IT'S REALLY ALL
14 ABOUT. I HAVE BEEN THERE. MANY OF US COME IN ON DIFFERENT
15 BOATS, BUT WE END UP ON THE SAME SHIP. THIS IS THE TIME. I
16 ENCOURAGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS. YOU KNOW, WHAT'S ALSO
17 INTERESTING TO ME IS, WHEN I USED TO RIDE THE BUS FROM ONE END
18 OF THE BUS LINE TO THE OTHER END OF THE BUS LINE, BASICALLY
19 BECAUSE I HAD NO WHERE TO GO, YOU HAVE NO IDEA, SUPERVISOR
20 SOLIS, THE SHAME THAT I EXPERIENCED AS A RESULT OF BEING
21 HOMELESS AND A WOMAN WITH CHILDREN. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ERNEST -- WE HAVE A COUPLE MORE
24 SPEAKERS: ERNEST MOORE, FRANCO VEGA, VERONICA LEWIS, MARY
25 JACOBS, BROOK WARSHAPER. GO AHEAD, SIR.



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1

2 **FRANCO VEGA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. FIRST, I WANTED TO

3 THANK YOU GUYS FOR THIS MOTION AND ALLOWING ME TO BE HERE. I'M

4 IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. MY NAME IS FRANCO VEGA. I'M

5 THE FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE RIGHT WAY

6 FOUNDATION. WE'RE THE FOUNDATION THAT TRIED TO END TRAUMA,

7 INFORMED CARE, TO JOB DEVELOPMENT FOR FOSTER CARE YOUTH. WE'RE

8 THE ONLY ONE THAT CREATE THIS PROGRAM AND LEASE THIS

9 THROUGHOUT THE NATION. I DO ALL THE HIRING FOR L.A.X.

10 RESTAURANTS, L.A. LIVE, COLISEUM, ROSE BOWL, GALEN CENTER,

11 JUST TO NAME A FEW. AND MY FOUNDATION IS STRICTLY FOR FOSTER

12 YOUTH AGING OUT OF THE SYSTEM. I'M HOUSED IN THE BEAUTIFUL

13 LEIMERT PARK IN SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S DISTRICT, AND I

14 HAVE A BRAND NEW SATELLITE OFFICE IN SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS'

15 DISTRICT. SO I'M THANKFUL FOR YOU GUYS' SUPPORT. THE REASON

16 I'M REALLY HERE IS THE YOUTH IN MY PROGRAM THAT HAVE FAILED MY

17 PROGRAM ALL HAVE SOMETHING IN COMMON. THEY ARE HOMELESS. IT'S

18 NOT BECAUSE THEY LACK MOTIVATION. IT'S NOT BECAUSE OF

19 EDUCATION. IT'S BECAUSE THEY HAVE NO PLACE TO LAY THEIR

20 BEAUTIFUL HEAD AT NIGHT AND WAKE UP AND TAKE A CLEAN SHOWER.

21 NOW, THEY WEREN'T ASKED TO BE BORN IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM,

22 BUT THEY ENDED UP BEING HOMELESS COMING OUT OF THE FOSTER CARE

23 SYSTEM, AND IT'S NOT THEIR FAULT. BUT AS CONGRESSWOMAN BASS

24 CLEARLY STATES, THE GOVERNMENT IS THEIR PARENTS AND ULTIMATELY

25 YOU GUYS ARE THEIR MOM AND DAD AND I NEED YOU GUYS TO TAKE



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1 CARE OF YOUR KIDS FIRST AND THINK ABOUT OUR BEAUTIFUL FOSTER
2 CARE YOUTH, BECAUSE THEY'VE GROWN UP IN HOPELESSNESS AND NO
3 ONE'S EVER TAKEN THEIR SIDE. AND THIS IS A MOTION THAT CAN
4 REALLY TAKE THEIR SIDE, SO I'M IN FULL SUPPORT. LASTLY,
5 L.A.P.D. HAS FOUND OUR PROGRAM AND THEY HAD SECRET MEETINGS
6 WITH US AND THEY SAID 9 OUT OF 10 GIRLS THEY ARREST FROM SEX
7 TRAFFICKING COME FROM THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM. ALL THE GIRLS
8 L.A.P.D. HAS BROUGHT TO MY COMMUNITY IN LEIMERT PARK AND BOYLE
9 HEIGHTS AFTER THEY RESCUED THEM FROM THESE HORRIBLE PIMPS OR
10 WHATEVER THEY CALL THEMSELVES ALL HAVE BEEN HOMELESS. AND WE
11 CAN'T CURE THESE POOR GIRLS AND HELP THEM DEAL WITH THEIR
12 TRAUMA UNLESS THEY HAVE A NICE, COMFORTABLE BED OVER THEIR
13 HEAD. SO ONCE AGAIN I'M IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. I WANT
14 TO THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS ON
15 TAKING LEAD. THANK YOU GUYS FOR YOU GUYS JUST BEING VOTED IN.
16 AND THIS IS A DEMANDING JOB, BUT THANK YOU GUYS FOR THE
17 COURAGE. WELCOME, HILDA SOLIS, FOR COMING ABOARD AND DON KNABE
18 AND ANTONOVICH FOR YOUR SUPPORT, TOO. THANK YOU, GUYS.

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20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

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22 **VERONICA LEWIS:** VERONICA LEWIS. I'M DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL
23 SERVICES GROUPS -- DIVISION. I'M ALSO THE FOUNDER AND STEERING
24 COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE S.P.A. 6 HOMELESS COALITION AND I AM
25 THE S.P.A. 6 REPRESENTATIVE AND CURRENT CHAIR OF THE



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1 COORDINATING COUNCIL, WHICH IS AN ADVISORY BODY TO THE
2 L.A.H.S.A. COMMISSION. I HAD THE PRIVILEGE ON FEBRUARY 9TH OF
3 SITTING RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU AND PARTICIPATING IN PHIL
4 ANSELL'S PRESENTATION ON THE DAY THAT YOU PASSED THE
5 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. AND ALMOST THREE MONTHS TO THE DAY I FIND
6 MYSELF HERE AGAIN WHERE WE'RE AT THIS PIVOTAL TIME WHERE WE
7 CAN ACTUALLY REALIZE SOME OF THE STRATEGIES LONG-TERM. THE
8 CONSTITUENTS OF THIS COUNTY WAKE UP EVERY MORNING, DRIVE OR
9 WALK DOWN THE STREET, AND PASS THE INSANE NUMBER OF PEOPLE
10 LIVING ON THE STREET. THE POLL NUMBERS ARE CLEAR. SO, I THANK
11 YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AS YOU CONSIDER THIS
12 INITIATIVE TODAY. AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT IF YOU KEEP THIS
13 OPTION OPEN, WHEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY, THE CONCERNED
14 CITIZENS OF L.A. COUNTY WILL PARTNER WITH YOU AND VOTE TO PASS
15 THE BILL. MOREOVER, AS ONE OF THE LEADING SERVICE PROVIDERS
16 FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES AROUND HOMELESSNESS IN THE
17 SERVICE PLANNING AREA SIXTH DISTRICT 2, I AM PROUD OF THE
18 GREAT WORK THAT WE HAVE DONE TO REDUCE FRAGMENTATION,
19 STRENGTHEN TRUE COLLABORATION, REDUCE ACCESS BARRIERS FOR THE
20 HOUSEHOLDS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. AND WE HAVE
21 SIGNIFICANTLY ALSO INCREASED THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT HAVE
22 MOVED FROM THE STREET INTO PERMANENT HOUSING. HOWEVER, WITH
23 ALL OF THAT TREMENDOUS WORK FROM THE CITY, THE COUNTY, AND
24 SERVICE PROVIDERS LIKE MYSELF, THERE IS STILL THE SIGNIFICANT
25 AND WELL-DOCUMENTED GAP BETWEEN THE NUMBER OF UNHOUSED



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1 RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES AND THE RESOURCES NEEDED TO SAFELY
2 HOUSE THEM. THIS IS NOT A HOMELESS ISSUE. THIS IS A HUMANITY
3 ISSUE. THAT DESERVES AND AN OPTION LIKE THE ONE BEFORE YOU
4 TODAY TO ACTUALLY COMPREHENSIVELY ADDRESS THE CRISIS IN L.A.
5 COUNTY. AS I KNOW YOU ALL AGREE, EVERY RESIDENT IN THE COUNTY
6 OF LOS ANGELES DESERVES A SAFE, STABLE PLACE TO LIVE, AND THE
7 DECISION YOU MAKE TODAY DIRECTLY IMPACTS WHETHER OR NOT WE
8 MOVE CLOSER TO ACTUALLY REALIZING THAT IN OUR COUNTY. THANK
9 YOU.

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11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER. MA'AM?

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13 **MARY JACOBS:** MARY JACOBS. I'M THE NEW PRESIDENT, DIRECTOR OF
14 THE LOVE ONE ANOTHER ANTI-NUCLEAR CLUB. IT'S A GROUP THAT
15 TRIES TO TEACH PEOPLE ABOUT NUCLEAR WAR AND NUCLEAR POWER AND,
16 MOST OF ALL, THE DANGERS OF NUCLEAR FAMILIES, WHERE THE
17 CHILDREN ARE NOT GROWING UP WITH THEIR GRANDPARENTS AND THEIR
18 AUNTS AND UNCLES. AND, BELIEVE IT OR NOT, THIS IS PART OF THE
19 HOMELESS PROBLEM. SOME PEOPLE HAVE FAMILIES THAT WANT TO HELP
20 THEIR HOMELESS RELATIVES, BUT THEY DON'T HAVE THE MONEY TO FIX
21 THE GARAGE OR THEY DON'T HAVE THE MONEY TO ADD THE EXTRA
22 BEDROOM OR THEY DON'T EVEN HAVE THE ABILITY BECAUSE OF SOME
23 LANDLORD ISSUE TO EVEN USE ONE OF THEIR ROOMS, BECAUSE THEY
24 GET SECTION 8 AND THEY'RE NOT ALLOWED TO PUT EXTRA FAMILY
25 MEMBERS IN. AND I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO THINK ABOUT THIS. I



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1 HAVE A NONPROFIT GROUP THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE RAISING MONEY BY
2 SELLING ITALIAN BEEF, YOU KNOW, BECAUSE EVERYBODY EATS. AND
3 WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO GET PEOPLE TO CONVERT THEIR HOMES SO
4 THAT INSTEAD OF USING THE GOVERNMENT, WE CAN USE THE
5 HOMEOWNERS WHO HAVE A HEART AND SAY, HEY, YOU HAVE AN EXTRA
6 HEART PROBLEM? YOU WANT TO HELP SOMEBODY? HERE'S THE MONEY.
7 FIX YOUR GARAGE. MAKE IT A CONVERTED GARAGE. WE'RE GOING TO
8 GIVE YOU HELP TO GET PERMITS AND DO IT THE RIGHT WAY. AND THE
9 NEXT THING YOU KNOW, WE HAVE THREE PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS. AND
10 THREE BY THREE BY THREE BY FOUR BY TEN. THE LADY THAT WAS
11 SITTING NEXT -- YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW MANY HOMELESS PEOPLE. I
12 HAVE THIS HERE, A CENSUS. I COULDN'T COUNT THE EXTRA 10
13 PEOPLE, BECAUSE THEY LIVE IN MY FRONT YARD OR MY GARAGE, AND
14 THOSE DON'T COUNT. YOU HAVE NO IDEA THE UNCOUNTED HOMELESS
15 THAT ARE SLEEPING ON OUR DOORSTEPS. SO, PLEASE GO FOR IT. SIGN
16 EVERYTHING YOU CAN WITH THE GOVERNMENT, AND DO IT PRIVATELY,
17 TOO, SO THAT WE CAN GET IT SOLVED. THANKS.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD, SIR.

20

21 **ERNEST L. MOORE:** MY NAME IS ERNEST L. MOORE. I SERVE ON THE
22 SAFETY COMMITTEE OF THE WEST ADAMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL. I'M
23 ALSO A CANDIDATE FOR REPRESENTATIVE AT LARGE FOR THE WEST
24 ADAMS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL. I AM A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL,
25 AND I HAVE BEEN WORKING IN THE FIELD SINCE THE '90S, WHEN I



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1 STARTED MY MASTER'S DEGREE AS A MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST.
2 I'VE ALSO WORKED IN VARIOUS MENTAL HEALTH AGENCIES ALL
3 THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE LAST HALF DECADE AS A
4 CHILDREN'S SOCIAL WORKER IN L.A. COUNTY D.C.F.S. I'M ALSO A
5 FOUNDER OF THE ORGANIZATION CALLED THE FORGOTTEN AMERICANS
6 NETWORK. I'M HOPING THAT WE CAN BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA HERE
7 TO ADDRESS OR PRESENT OUR PERSPECTIVE ON HOMELESSNESS AND ITS
8 IMPACT ON THE BLACK AMERICAN POPULATION IN THE COUNTY OF LOS
9 ANGELES. I AM IN SUPPORT OF YOUR FUNDING FOR HOMELESSNESS, BUT
10 I QUESTION THE WAYS THAT YOU'RE TRYING TO OBTAIN THIS FUNDING.
11 FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD TODAY, MOST OF WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS JUST
12 ABOUT BLOWING SMOKE IN OUR EARS. WE CAN GET BILLIONS OF
13 DOLLARS TO END HOMELESSNESS BY STOPPING ILLEGAL-ALIEN INVASION
14 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND GIVING FUNDING TO THE ILLEGAL ALIENS
15 WHO ARE COMING OVER HERE BLOWING THE LEGS OFF OF AMERICAN
16 CITIZENS AND KILLING THE INNOCENT CHILDREN OF BLACK AMERICANS.
17 WE NEED TO LOOK AT THE ROOT OF WHAT'S CAUSING HOMELESSNESS,
18 BECAUSE IT WAS ENGINEERED BY THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. TIME'S EXPIRED. THAT CONCLUDES
21 OUR PUBLIC TESTIMONY TO THE BOARD. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I WISH TO THANK
24 THOSE WHO CAME TO TESTIFY IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION. I FOUND IT
25 COMPELLING AND INFORMATIVE. YOU REPRESENTED THE BREADTH OF THE



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1 COUNTY AND THE RESPECTIVE SERVICE PROVIDERS AND THOSE WHO HAVE
2 THEMSELVES EXPERIENCED HOMELESSNESS. WE LEARNED RECENTLY
3 THERE'S AN INCREASE IN HOMELESSNESS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS
4 ANGELES, AT LEAST 6 PERCENT. IT'S BEEN ASSERTED BY A NUMBER OF
5 PEOPLE THAT PERHAPS WHAT'S TRUE IS AN UNDERCOUNT. THAT ONLY
6 SUGGESTS TO ME THAT WE ARE IN A POSITION TO DO MORE RATHER
7 THAN LESS. IN OTHER WORDS, THAT ARGUES FOR ACTION NOW. ACTION
8 NOW SIMPLY MEANS PRESERVING THE OPTION. IT COMES BACK TO US,
9 SHOULD THE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR AFFORD US THE
10 OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DETERMINATION. THIS IS ONE OF MANY
11 OPTIONS FOR US TO CONSIDER. THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOMELESSNESS
12 IN THIS COUNTY IS DIVERSE. SOME 39 PERCENT AFRICAN-AMERICAN,
13 27 PERCENT LATINO, 25 PERCENT WHITE. HARDLY ANYONE IS SPARED
14 IN THIS REGARD. THE POLL DATA IS COMPELLING. 76 PERCENT SAY
15 YES TO THIS MILLIONAIRES' TAX, AS SOME WOULD WISH TO CALL IT,
16 ONE THAT WE ARE SIMPLY SAYING LET'S PRESERVE THE OPTION. SKID
17 ROW IS NOT THE ONLY COMMUNITY OF CONCERN. BOTH SUPERVISOR
18 SOLIS AND I SHARE THAT IN TERMS OF THE FIRST AND SECOND
19 DISTRICTS PRACTICALLY SPLIT UP THE MIDDLE OF THOSE WHO ARE THE
20 FOCAL POINT OF HOMELESSNESS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. BUT
21 I DARE SAY THERE ARE 88 CITIES IN THIS COUNTY FROM ONE END TO
22 THE NEXT THAT EXPERIENCE SOME FORM OF THIS INCOME INEQUALITY
23 AND FORM OF IMPOVERISHMENT. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I THINK THE
24 MATTER IS BEFORE US. I APPEAL TO YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT TAKING
25 THIS TO THE LEGISLATURE, ENGAGING THEM, AND CAUSING US TO MOVE



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1 FORWARD IN OUR EFFORT TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS FORTHRIGHTLY IN
2 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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6 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** LET ME FIRST STATE THAT THERE ARE A
7 NUMBER OF ISSUES THAT ARE BEING RAISED. ONE IS AS IF WE DIDN'T
8 HAVE AN INCOME TAX. BUT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HAS THE
9 HIGHEST INCOME TAX ON ITS CITIZENS. SO, IT'S NOT THE FACT THAT
10 THE TAXES ARE NOT BEING IMPOSED; IT'S HOW THE STATE
11 LEGISLATURE DISBURSES THE TAXES THAT THEY HAVE. SO, THERE'S
12 BEEN A FAILURE AT THE STATE LEVEL TO ENSURE THAT THOSE DOLLARS
13 ARE GOING TO THE PRIORITY ISSUES. SECONDLY, THE A.C.L.U.,
14 THEIR INJUNCTIONS AND THEIR PROHIBITIONS AND LEGAL CHALLENGES
15 TO REQUIRING MANDATED DRUG AND ALCOHOL REHAB PROGRAMS,
16 ALLOWING MUNICIPALITIES TO DEAL WITH THOSE HOMELESS, THE
17 FAILURE TO REQUIRE LONGER TREATMENT OF MENTALLY-ILL HOMELESS
18 HAS CREATED A PROBLEM, AS WELL. AND AS THE LAST SPEAKER HAD
19 MENTIONED ABOUT, ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION IS ALSO AN IMPACT THAT
20 THE COUNTY HAS TO USE RESOURCES THAT OUGHT TO BE USED FOR
21 OTHER PURPOSES, OTHER PRIORITIES, BUT YET WE'RE SPENDING THOSE
22 FOR PROGRAMS THAT WE HAVE NO CONTROL OVER. I JUST RECEIVED AS
23 -- THIS IS FROM MAY 2ND FROM THE LAW OFFICE OF CHARLES SMITH.
24 IT SAYS, "MY OFFICE REPRESENTS -- STAFF SOLUTIONS, A STAFFING
25 AGENCY LOCATED IN LOS ANGELES CITY AND COUNTY. IT COORDINATES



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1 TO PROVIDE 150 EMPLOYEES AND HEALTH DEVICES CORPORATION,
2 D.B.A. DOC JOHNSON ENTERPRISES, LOCATED AT 11933 VOSS STREET,
3 NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA. MAY 2ND, -- NOTIFIED THESE 150
4 EMPLOYEES THAT THEIR JOBS WOULD BE TERMINATED DUE TO A MASS
5 LAYOFF ON JULY 1ST, 2016. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT DOC
6 JOHNSON ALSO NOTIFIED THESE EMPLOYEES THAT THEIR JOBS WOULD BE
7 TERMINATED." I CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THESE LETTERS, BECAUSE
8 THEY'RE SENDING THEM TO THE PAST CHAIRMAN AND SHOULD BE GOING
9 TO THE CURRENT CHAIRMAN, WHICH I'LL SHARE WITH SUPERVISOR
10 SOLIS, THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES THAT ARE LOSING THEIR JOBS
11 BECAUSE THE BUSINESSES ARE LEAVING. WE NEED TO HAVE AN
12 ENVIRONMENT THAT'S GOING TO CREATE JOBS. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE
13 AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE THE DOLLARS THAT ARE ALREADY BEING
14 GENERATED ARE BEING SPENT FOR THOSE HIGH-PRIORITY ISSUES, AND
15 WE'RE GOING TO NEED AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE THE STATE LAWS AND
16 LOCAL LAWS ARE GOING TO BE CHANGED TO BENEFIT, TO BENEFIT
17 THOSE WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL, BECAUSE THEY WILL BENEFIT WHEN
18 THEY HAVE MEDICAL TREATMENT. THE DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSERS WILL
19 BENEFIT WHEN THEY ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE REHAB PROGRAMS. AND
20 THOSE WHO ARE ECONOMICALLY DEPRIVED WILL THEN BE ABLE TO HAVE
21 THE RESOURCES FOR THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND THE JOB SKILL
22 TRAININGS WHICH ARE SO NECESSARY. BUT IT'S NOT THAT WE HAVE
23 NEED ANOTHER INCOME TAX. WE NEED TO SPEND THE INCOME TAX
24 ALREADY GENERATED FOR THOSE PRIORITIES PROGRAMS WHICH ARE
25 REQUIRED FOR OUR COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. AT LEAST FROM MY
5 PERSPECTIVE, I WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND THAT WE CONTINUE THIS
6 ITEM FOR 30 DAYS. I THINK A COUPLE THINGS. ONE, THE TABULATED
7 RESULTS OF THE POLLING WERE SHARED WITH US LATE LAST NIGHT.
8 SOME OTHER INFORMATION CAME IN THIS MORNING. AND, AGAIN, IT
9 GOES BACK TO MY ONGOING ISSUE WITH SOME OF THESE MOTIONS, IS
10 THAT WE REALLY DON'T HAVE A CLEAR IDEA OF WHAT WE WOULD SPEND
11 THE NEW REVENUES ON WHEN WE HAVE AN IDEA THAT 1,400 PEOPLE OUT
12 OF 10 MILLION SAID THAT THEY WOULD PREFER WHO GETS TAXED AND
13 WHO DOESN'T, WHETHER IT BE A SALES TAX, A PROPERTY TAX, A
14 PARCEL TAX, OR A TAX ON MILLIONAIRES. BUT FRANKLY, MY MAJOR
15 ISSUE WITH THE MOTION IN PARTICULAR HAS MORE TO DO WITH THE
16 UNANTICIPATED CONSEQUENCES OF ASKING THE STATE TO GET INTO A -
17 - STATE LEGISLATURE INTO A LOCAL TAX ISSUE. FROM MY
18 PERSPECTIVE, WE WOULD BE GIVING THEM THE ULTIMATE OUT. THE
19 PERMANENT RESPONSE TO US ANYTIME WE LOOK TO THE STATE FOR
20 RELIEF FROM A MANDATE OR REQUIREMENTS, THAT THEY TEND TO TELL
21 US, "WHATEVER YOU NEED, YOU TAX YOUR RESIDENTS. YOU HAVE THAT
22 AUTHORITY NOW." AND I THINK THAT THAT WOULD REALLY LET THEM
23 OFF THE HOOK. I MEAN, IF I WERE THEM, I WOULDN'T GIVE US THAT
24 RIGHT. YOU KNOW, I MEAN, IT'S THE ABILITY TO DO WHAT THEY
25 WOULD LIKE TO HAVE US DO. SO, IT'S REALLY THE UNINTENDED



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1 CONSEQUENCES THAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT BEFORE A MOVE LIKE THIS
2 IS CONTEMPLATED. SO I WOULD SUGGEST THAT LET US SHAKE THIS
3 THING OUT FOR 30 DAYS AND COME BACK AND TRY TO MAKE A
4 DECISION. SO THAT'S WHERE I'M COMING FROM.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IS THAT AN AMENDMENT?

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8 **SUP. KNABE:** PARDON ME?

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10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IS THAT IN THE FORM --

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, I MEAN, I WILL MOVE A 30-DAY CONTINUANCE.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT WOULDN'T BE AN AMENDMENT THAT I WOULD
15 ACCEPT, MADAME CHAIR.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** IT IS NOT AN AMENDMENT. IT WOULD BE A MOTION TO
18 CONTINUE 30 DAYS.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IS THERE A SECOND?

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, A 30-DAY CONTINUANCE OF THE MATTER
23 EFFECTIVELY KILLS IT. THE STAFF HAS MADE IT CLEAR BOTH IN
24 TERMS OF THE C.E.O. AND THE COUNTY COUNSEL THAT THIS HAS A



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1 TIME-SENSITIVITY THAT ATTACHES TO IT. 30 DAYS WOULD
2 ESSENTIALLY CAUSE THIS TO BE NULL AND VOID.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WHAT IS THE ACTUAL TIME?

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6 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** SO, THE DATE THAT IT NEEDS TO BE
7 COMPLETED, IF THIS WERE TO GO UP AND THE STATE WAS LOOKING AT
8 IT, IT HAS TO BE COMPLETED BY JUNE 15TH. THAT'S IN ORDER TO
9 GET THE TRAILER BILL IN. SO, REALLY, I MEAN, WE ONLY HAVE THIS
10 NEXT WEEK TO GET IT UP TO SACRAMENTO AND TRY AND SEE IF WE
11 COULD GET IT IN AS A TRAILER BILL.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AND I GUESS I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT,
14 YOU KNOW, AGAIN, THE TEMPERATURE. WHAT WAS THE -- I'M SURE
15 FOLKS HAVE BEEN SPEAKING TO FOLKS UP IN THE LEGISLATURE,
16 BECAUSE THIS HAS BEEN IN THE PRESS NOW ABOUT THE POLLING AND
17 WHAT'S TAKEN PLACE. SO, WE MUST HAVE SOME SENSE. WHERE ARE
18 THEY ON THIS, THE GOVERNOR OR THE LEGISLATURE?

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, YEAH, EVEN RECENTLY THE GOVERNOR'S REJECTION
21 OF THE CIGARETTE TAX TO LOCAL ENTITIES.

22

23 **PHIL ANSELL:** SUPERVISOR, THE BOARD HAS NOT TAKEN AN ACTION ON
24 THIS ITEM, AND THEREFORE NO ONE WHO WORKS FOR THE COUNTY HAS
25 BEEN ADVOCATING IN SUPPORT OF IT. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME



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1 EXPLORATORY CONVERSATIONS WITH STAFF FROM LEGISLATIVE
2 LEADERSHIP AROUND THIS CONCEPT.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AND?

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6 **PHIL ANSELL:** AND THERE'S A BASIS FOR FURTHER CONVERSATION
7 SHOULD YOUR BOARD ADOPT THIS MOTION.

8

9 **MANUEL RIVAS:** THE ONLY OTHER THING TO ADD, SUPERVISOR, IS THAT
10 WE DO HAVE THE SENATE PRESIDENT, KEVIN DE LEON, WHO IS PUSHING
11 THE NO PLACE LIKE HOME INITIATIVE, WHICH IS PUSHING FOR A \$2
12 BILLION INITIATIVE BY SECURITIZING PROPOSITION 63 MONEYS IN
13 ORDER TO CREATE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS
14 WHO HAVE MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS. ON THE ASSEMBLY SIDE, YOU
15 ALSO HAVE THE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS, WHO IS ALSO PUSHING A \$1.3
16 BILLION INITIATIVE THAT IS TRYING TO GET AT AFFORDABLE HOUSING
17 AND ALSO DEAL WITH ISSUES OF HOMELESSNESS.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO WE HAVE COMPETING INITIATIVES THAT
20 ARE BEING TALKED ABOUT OR DISCUSSED IN THE LEGISLATURE.

21

22 **MANUEL RIVAS:** I THINK IT CREATES AN OPPORTUNITY. IT'S AN
23 OPPORTUNITY, BECAUSE THE TWO INITIATIVES THAT ARE BEING
24 CONSIDERED BY THE LEGISLATURE WILL CREATE THE ACTUAL



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1 INFRASTRUCTURE. WHAT YOU DON'T HAVE IS REALLY THE FUNDING TO
2 PROVIDE THE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THE OTHER ISSUE THAT COMES TO MIND IS
5 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND I WERE RECENTLY AT A BREAKFAST
6 MEETING LAST WEEK WHERE THE GOVERNOR SPOKE TO 30 TO 40
7 BUSINESS PEOPLE AT A ROUND TABLE FROM AROUND NOT JUST THE
8 STATE OF CALIFORNIA BUT AROUND THE COUNTRY, AND HE SPOKE VERY
9 CANDIDLY ABOUT HIS ADVERSENESS TO TAXING. AND IT WAS ALMOST AS
10 THOUGH HE WAS SPEAKING DIRECTLY TO SOME OF US. BUT MORE
11 IMPORTANTLY, HE WAS SPEAKING ALSO TO HIS OWN COLLEAGUES IN THE
12 LEGISLATURE. AND I GOT THE SENSE THAT THE BASEMENT, THE FOLKS
13 DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CAPITAL, MAY NOT BE SUPPORTIVE OF THIS AND,
14 I MEAN, IF WE DO TRY THIS, THAT HE'S ALREADY SIGNALING THAT
15 THEY'RE NOT VERY INTERESTED. AND THAT'S, I MEAN, THAT'S KIND
16 OF WHAT I'M SENSING FROM HIS TALK BUT ALSO FROM OTHER
17 LEGISLATORS THAT HAVEN'T BEEN SPOKEN TO ABOUT THIS.

18

19 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** MADAME CHAIR, I DON'T BELIEVE -- WE HAVE
20 NOT HAD ANY CONVERSATIONS WITH THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, SO I
21 DON'T KNOW THAT WE'VE HAD INDICATION EITHER WAY.

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23 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** MADAME CHAIR?

24

25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?



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2 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I'M SURE YOU REMEMBER HOW MANY BILLS WE
3 BROUGHT WHEN EVERYONE TOLD US THEY WEREN'T GOING TO GO
4 ANYWHERE. I MEAN, I THINK, FIRST OF ALL, WHAT I HEAR FROM
5 MEMBERS THAT I KNOW IN SACRAMENTO IS THEY WANT TO HEAR FROM US
6 HOPEFULLY SOON THAT WE WANT THIS OR THAT WE'RE FOR IT, BECAUSE
7 THEY RESPECT THAT WE'RE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COUNTY. AND
8 THEREFORE, IF WE SAY WE'D LIKE TO HAVE THE OPTION TO EXPLORE
9 THIS OPTION, THAT WOULD BE A VERY IMPORTANT SIGNAL TO THEM.
10 AND I WOULD ALSO SAY THAT NO ONE IN SACRAMENTO, AS YOU
11 REMEMBER, IS GOING TO SAY, "YES, I ABSOLUTELY GUARANTEE THIS
12 WILL GO IN THE BUDGET OR WHATEVER," BUT JUST SPEAKING FOR
13 MYSELF, IF I HAD LISTENED, THERE WOULDN'T BE ANY PAID FAMILY
14 LEAVE AND THERE WOULDN'T BE ANY -- WELL, YOU KNOW, NURSE-TO-
15 PATIENT STAFFING RATIOS AND THERE WOULDN'T BE ANYTHING. I
16 THINK THE BEST MOVE FOR US IS TO SIMPLY SAY "WE WOULD LIKE
17 THIS" AND THEN HAVE AN OPTION TO SEE IF WE CAN GET IT, RATHER
18 THAN, AS WE USED TO SAY, OPPOSE OURSELVES AND NOT EVEN TRY.

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20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WELL, I DON'T THINK THAT WE'RE NOT
21 TRYING. I MEAN, I THINK THAT THERE'S A LOT THAT WE CAN AND
22 SHOULD DO. AND WE HAVE SEVERAL OF OUR OWN INITIATIVES THAT WE
23 WANT TO PUT FORWARD, QUITE FRANKLY. YOU AND I ARE WORKING ON
24 TRYING TO SEE THAT WE GET OUR PARKS FUNDED ADEQUATELY, AS
25 WELL, AND HOPEFULLY THIS NEXT CYCLE OF ELECTIONS IN NOVEMBER,



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1 WHICH IS GOING TO BE REALLY CRITICAL. I THINK THAT IF POSSIBLE
2 I'D LIKE TO HAVE -- FIRST OF ALL, I HAVE TO GO BACK THAT I
3 DIDN'T GET A LOT OF INFORMATION ON OUR POLLING FOR MY AREA.
4 AND I'M TOLD THAT THE DEMOGRAPHICS THAT WAS EXPLAINED THAT
5 SAID THAT PEOPLE IN MY DISTRICT WERE SUPPORTIVE DON'T GIVE ME
6 ADEQUATE COMFORT IN TELLING ME WHO ACTUALLY WAS POLLED AND
7 WERE WE SPEAKING TO THEM IN THEIR LANGUAGE AND DID WE DO WHAT
8 WE NEED TODAY DO. I JUST WANT TO BE CONVINCED THAT THIS ISN'T
9 JUST SOMETHING THAT WE DIDN'T REALLY HAVE A CLEAR
10 UNDERSTANDING OF THE DATA. SO, IF WE CAN GET THIS INFORMATION,
11 I'D BE HAPPY TO SEE IF WE COULD COME BACK IN A WEEK OR SO. BUT
12 I WANT TO GET EVIDENCE, AND I ALSO WANT TO GET A SENSE OF THE
13 TEMPERATURE OF WHAT SACRAMENTO IS SAYING. A LOT OF US HERE
14 HAVE FRIENDS THERE NOW. IT'S STILL GOING TO TAKE A MAJORITY OF
15 THE LEGISLATURE, BOTH HOUSES, TO SUPPORT THIS, INCLUDING THE
16 GOVERNOR. AND IF THE GOVERNOR -- I MEAN, I'D LIKE TO BE ABLE
17 TO HAVE AT LEAST SOME SENSE THAT FOLKS ARE WILLING TO GO ALONG
18 WITH US. AND IF WE CAN DO THAT IN A WEEK, YOU KNOW, WE CAN
19 COME BACK AND DO THIS. I'M NOT WRITING THIS TOTALLY OUT, BUT I
20 DO WANT TO SEE THAT THERE'S THAT KIND OF DISCUSSION. AND I
21 DON'T KNOW THAT WE'VE REALLY THOUGHT THAT OUT. AT LEAST I
22 WASN'T ENGAGED IN THAT EFFORT.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR? SORRY.

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO, I DON'T KNOW WHAT -- SUPERVISOR
2 RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, I THINK WE'VE BEEN
5 DISCUSSING THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS WITH INTENSITY FOR THE
6 BETTER PORTION OF THIS YEAR, AND THAT WAS IN THE SPIRIT OF DUE
7 DILIGENCE TO BRING EVERYONE UP TO SPEED WITHIN REASON TO LEARN
8 ABOUT THIS, BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS. WE HAVE HAD
9 MULTIPLE POLLS, NOT THIS POLL ALONE, THAT ESSENTIALLY
10 CORROBORATE THE CLAIMS THAT ARE BEING MADE, CITY POLLS,
11 COUNTY-WIDE POLLS, PUBLIC SECTOR, PRIVATE SECTOR, BUSINESS-
12 FRIENDLY ORGANIZATIONS, LABOR-RELATED ORGANIZATIONS. THEY ALL
13 ESSENTIALLY POINT IN THE SAME DIRECTION, THAT WE HAVE A CRISIS
14 IN OUR MIDST. AND THE QUESTION THAT IS BEING CALLED FOR TODAY
15 IS ONE OF LEADERSHIP. DO WE HAVE THE STAMINA? DO WE HAVE THE
16 RESOLVE? DO WE HAVE THE COMMITMENT TO STEP UP OUR
17 RESPONSIBILITIES AND ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS WITH
18 COMPASSION, WITH A COMPREHENSIVE AND EFFECTIVE PLAN? THE PLAN
19 HAS BEEN SUBMITTED FOR OUR CONSIDERATION, AND JANUARY 16 OF
20 THIS YEAR WE ADOPTED IT, UNANIMOUSLY. NOW THE RUBBER BEGINS TO
21 HIT THE ROAD. DO WE THEN WANT TO DO WHAT IS NECESSARY IN ORDER
22 TO MAKE THAT PLAN REAL, NAMELY, TO FIND A WAY TO FUND IT? MY
23 VIEW IS THAT WE HAVE AN ABUNDANCE OF INFORMATION AT OUR
24 DISPOSAL. NO INSIGHTS ARE NEW HERE. DRILLING DOWN BEYOND WHERE
25 WE ARE ESSENTIALLY AMOUNTS TO OUR DELAYING AND COMPRESSING THE



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1 PROCESS. I APPEAL TO YOU, MADAME CHAIR, TO HELP US MOVE THIS
2 FORWARD, THE BALANCE OF THE BOARD THE SAME, AND THE SPIRIT OF
3 OPENING AN OPTION IF WE ARE NOT ABLE TO BUILD CONSENSUS WHEN
4 IT FINALLY IS TO BE ADOPTED, SHOULD WE MAKE IT THROUGH THE
5 LEGISLATIVE PROCESS, THAT'S A DISCUSSION FOR ANOTHER DAY. BUT
6 NOW IS THE TIME FOR US TO ACT. A LOT OF EYES ARE ON US AND
7 EXPECTING US TO DO WHAT WE SHOULD DO. WE'VE DONE VERY WELL UP
8 TO THIS POINT SUPPORTING A PROCESS BY WHICH THIS ISSUE HAS
9 STAYED IN FOCUS. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WE OUGHT TO AT LEAST
10 FINISH, FINISH ON A NOTE THAT CAN BE CELEBRATED RATHER THAN
11 DELAYING THIS ANY FURTHER. I RESPECTFULLY APPEAL TO YOU TO
12 JOIN IN AN EFFORT TO MOVE THIS FORWARD. [APPLAUSE.]

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14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

15

16 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** MADAME CHAIR, I DO WANT TO -- YOU KNOW, I
17 THINK YOU'VE INDICATED A FEW TIMES THAT YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED
18 THE INFORMATION THAT YOU REQUESTED SPECIFICALLY WITH REGARD TO
19 THE DEMOGRAPHICS. AND I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT MY TEAM WILL LEAVE
20 THIS MEETING AND GO AND GET THAT INFORMATION FOR YOU. I'M NOT
21 SO SURE THAT THE VOTE TODAY REALLY HINGES ON WHAT GOES ON THE
22 NOVEMBER BALLOT, AS SEVERAL OF US HAVE COMMENTED ON. I THINK
23 TODAY IT JUST PRESERVES THE OPTION FOR PERHAPS PUTTING IT ON
24 THE BALLOT. BUT BETWEEN NOW AND, YOU KNOW, WHENEVER THAT
25 DECISION COMES BEFORE THIS BOARD, WE WILL CERTAINLY HAVE THAT



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1 INFORMATION, SO YOU CAN MAKE AN INFORMATIVE CHOICE SHOULD THE
2 STATE LEGISLATURE GIVE US THE ABILITY TO DO THIS. SO I'M JUST
3 SAYING WE WILL GET YOU THE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION THAT YOU'RE
4 REQUESTING, BUT WE WOULD LIKE TO TRY AND PRESERVE THE OPTION
5 AND MOVE THIS FORWARD.

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7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO WE'RE NOT HURT IF WE PUT THIS OFF
8 A WEEK? A WEEK.

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10 **.SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O:** SORRY, PUT IT OFF A WEEK?

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12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU TOLD US EARLIER WE STILL HAVE
13 TIME.

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15 **.SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O:** YEAH, I THINK THAT TIME IS OF THE
16 ESSENCE. CERTAINLY IF --

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OR WOULD IT HURT US TO HOLD IT OFF
19 FOR A WEEK?

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21 **.SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O:** I THINK THAT IT JUST PUTS A LITTLE BIT
22 MORE PRESSURE ON DEALING WITH THE SACRAMENTO LEGISLATURE AND
23 THE INDIVIDUALS THAT WE NEED TO DEAL WITH, SO IT JUST
24 COMPRESSES THE TIME. BUT THAT CERTAINLY IS THE BOARD'S CHOICE.

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MR. RIVAS?

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3 **MANUEL RIVAS:** IF I CAN JUST ADD, THE MAY REVISE COMES OUT ON
4 FRIDAY, SO THE MINUTE THAT THAT COMES OUT, THE LEGISLATURE IS
5 GOING TO GO IN FULL MODE AND TRY TO GET IT ENACTED. SO,
6 REALLY, IF WE WERE TO HAVE THIS APPROVED NOW, WE CAN GET
7 STARTED IN TRYING TO GET IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CONVERSATIONS IF
8 THE BOARD DECIDES FOR US TO PURSUE THIS OPTION.

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IF WE DELAY, WE DISADVANTAGE OURSELVES
11 STRATEGICALLY AND THE MESSAGE THAT EMANATES FROM THIS SPACE IS
12 A MESSAGE OF EQUIVOCATION. I THINK WE WANT TO BE RESOLUTE AND
13 CHARGE THE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR WITH THE OPPORTUNITY
14 AND/OR THE OBLIGATION TO HELP US FIGHT, END, WORK ON,
15 ERADICATE, ADDRESS, USE WHATEVER TERM YOU WISH, THIS ISSUE OF
16 HOMELESSNESS, WHICH IS WORSENING AS WE SPEAK. THAT SEEMS TO ME
17 TO BE THE POINT THAT WE HAVE TO COMMUNICATE. [APPLAUSE] AND I
18 AGAIN RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT WE MOVE TODAY AND WORK OUT ANY
19 OF THE UNFINISHED BUSINESS THAT NEEDS TO BE WORKED OUT. WE
20 HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO. LOOK, THIS IS NOT AN EASY LIFT. NO
21 MATTER WHETHER WE DO ON UPPER-INCOME EARNERS, WHETHER WE WERE
22 TO CONSIDER A PARCEL TAX, WHETHER WE WERE TO DO A MARIJUANA
23 TAX, WHETHER WE WERE TO CONSIDER THE SALES TAX, EITHER WAY WE
24 GO, THIS IS NOT EASY, BUT WE DIDN'T SIGN UP FOR THAT WHICH IS
25 EASY. WE SIGNED UP TO LEAD THIS COUNTY. AND THERE IS NO MORE



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1 CHALLENGING A MOMENT OR MORE CHALLENGING AN ISSUE THAN THAT
2 WHICH, IN MY VIEW, HAS BEEN NEGLECTED FOR ALL TOO LONG. ENOUGH
3 -- [APPLAUSE] -- PARDON ME, PLEASE. ENOUGH IN THE WAY OF
4 SALUTING THE ISSUE VERBALLY AND YET NOT ENGAGING IT THE WAY IT
5 NEEDS TO BE ENGAGED. THERE IS NO PREDICTABLE END HERE. BUT IT
6 WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT WE WOULD WANT TO BE RECORDED AS HAVING
7 MOVED AN AGENDA THAT SOUGHT TO RAISE THE DIGNITY AND WORTH OF
8 ALL ANGELENOS. THIS IS NOT GOING TO BE, EVEN IF WE WERE TO BE
9 SUCCESSFUL, THIS IS NOT TO BE CONSIDERED A PERFECT SOLUTION.
10 WE STILL HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO. THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE
11 RESOURCES, YET TO BE DETERMINED, IMPORTANT DISCUSSION. AND WE
12 OUGHT TO FIND OUR WAY TO A NEEDS-BASED UNDERSTANDING OF HOW
13 THESE RESOURCES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED. THAT'S A CONVERSATION FOR
14 ANOTHER DAY. TODAY'S CONVERSATION IS: CAN WE JUST MOVE THIS
15 AGENDA FORWARD? IT'S A LONG JOURNEY. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT IT
16 BEGINS TODAY. AND I APPEAL TO THE MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD TO DO
17 SO. [APPLAUSE]

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19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THE QUESTION FOR OUR SACRAMENTO
20 FOLKS, WHAT'S TO KEEP US FROM HAVING A DISCUSSION WITH
21 LEGISLATIVE LEADERS NOW IN A WEEK? YOU HAVE A WEEK TO DO THAT.
22 WHAT'S TO PREVENT US FROM HAVING THOSE DISCUSSIONS?

23



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1 **MANUEL RIVAS:** BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE BOARD AUTHORITY. ALL
2 LEGISLATION THAT WE PURSUE IN SACRAMENTO, EVEN DISCUSSIONS,
3 IT'S ALWAYS --

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5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IS THERE SOMETHING THAT PROHIBITS US
6 FROM TALKING TO PEOPLE?

7

8 **.SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O:** IT WOULD BE BOARD AUTHORITY, BECAUSE WE
9 DON'T RIGHT NOW HAVE THE BOARD'S DIRECTION IN TERMS OF --

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT BOARD MEMBERS COULD TALK TO FOLKS IN
12 SACRAMENTO, RIGHT?

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** RIGHT.

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16 **.SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O:** CERTAINLY YOU COULD. CERTAINLY YOU CAN,
17 BUT IF YOU'RE DIRECTING STAFF TO GO AND TALK, I DON'T THINK WE
18 HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO TRY AND MOVE THIS FORWARD WITHOUT SOME
19 KIND OF AUTHORITY.

20

21 **MANUEL RIVAS:** THAT'S PART OF OUR BOARD-ADOPTED LEGISLATIVE
22 PLATFORM, EVERY YEAR THAT YOU GUYS ADOPT. NOT UNLESS THE BOARD
23 DIRECTS US TO PURSUE THIS WILL WE BE ABLE TO DO THAT.

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WELL, I STILL THINK IT'S WORTHWHILE
2 TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS. EVEN, LIKE I HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO
3 REALLY TALK TO ALL OF MY CONTACTS IN SACRAMENTO. I WANT TO GET
4 A SENSE -- I MEAN, I'D HATE TO PUT OURSELVES IN AN AWKWARD
5 POSITION, AS WELL, AND DISADVANTAGE OURSELVES, BECAUSE IF WE
6 TAKE THIS PROPOSAL UP, WE'RE ACTUALLY ASKING THE GOVERNOR AND
7 THE LEGISLATURE TO ALLOW OTHER COUNTIES TO RAISE REVENUE
8 AROUND THESE ISSUES. AND I'VE HEARD THAT FROM OTHER
9 INDIVIDUALS THAT THAT IS PROBLEMATIC, AS WELL. SO WE SHOULD BE
10 ABLE TO FIX THIS PRODUCT. I'M NOT SAYING WE SHOULDN'T MAYBE
11 USE THIS DIRECT LANGUAGE, BUT WE OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO BE IN A
12 BETTER POSITION SO WE DON'T DISADVANTAGE OURSELVES. AND I
13 THINK WE REALLY HAVE TO HAVE THAT DISCUSSION. I THINK SOME OF
14 US WOULD WANT TO DO THAT. I DON'T KNOW. MAYBE IT'S JUST ME?

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, WE HAVE THREE RELATIVELY RECENT
17 MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, BOTH ASSEMBLY PERSONS AND
18 SENATORS, AND ONE NOT-SO-RECENT MEMBER OF THE ASSEMBLY. ALL OF
19 US KNOW THAT A BILL WILL BE AMENDED AS IT MOVES THROUGH THE
20 PROCESS. SO THAT WHICH WE ARE SEEKING TO SPONSOR AS A BILL, AN
21 AUTHOR HAS TO BE DESIGNATED. WHEN THE COMMITTEE WORK IS
22 ENGAGED, ANY NUMBER OF THINGS CAN AND WILL HAPPEN. THE THRUST
23 OF THIS EFFORT IS TO GET INTO THE PROCESS SO THAT WE CAN KNOW
24 WHETHER OR NOT WE HAVE A VIABLE SHOT. THAT'S ESSENTIALLY
25 WHAT'S BEFORE US. [APPLAUSE] AND IF YOU WOULD, PARDON ME, IT



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1 IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE OWN OUR REALITY. IF THE STATE
2 LEGISLATURE CHOOSES NOT TO DO IT, IT WON'T BE BECAUSE WE
3 FAILED TO MAKE THE REQUEST OF THEM TO HELP US DEAL WITH THE
4 ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS. 119,000 HOMELESS PERSONS IN THE STATE
5 OF CALIFORNIA. I THINK THEY OUGHT TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT IT,
6 AND I'M PREPARED TO PUSH IN THAT DIRECTION. NEARLY HALF OF
7 THOSE PERSONS ARE THOSE WHO RESIDE IN L.A. COUNTY. WE HAVE AN
8 OBLIGATION, IT SEEMS TO ME, IN PROPORTIONALITY, IF NOTHING
9 ELSE, TO ADVOCATE, TO ADVOCATE FORCEFULLY, TO ADVOCATE
10 STRATEGICALLY, TO ADVOCATE RESPECTFULLY. AND I HAPPEN TO KNOW
11 THAT THERE ARE PERSONS IN THE LEGISLATURE WHO ARE ANTICIPATING
12 COLLABORATION. WHERE WE'LL ULTIMATELY LAND, I AM NOT SURE. BUT
13 THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS, THERE ARE CITIES IN THIS COUNTY WHO
14 ARE READY TO GET THE BENEFIT OF OUR HELP. THE CITY OF LOS
15 ANGELES IS PREPARED TO COLLABORATE. THEY WILL SPEAK FOR
16 THEMSELVES AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. MEMBERS OF THE CITY
17 COUNCIL, AS WELL AS THE MAYOR, THE PRO TEM OF THE SENATE HAS
18 BEEN PAYING VERY CLOSE ATTENTION TO THIS, AND THEIR CLAIM WAS
19 "JUST DON'T DO ANYTHING THAT ADVERSELY AFFECTS PROP 30." WE
20 NOW KNOW THAT THAT WILL NOT BE THE CASE, SO THEY HAVE A MUCH
21 HIGHER COMFORT LEVEL. AND THAT WAS THE GOVERNOR'S CONCERN, AS
22 WELL. SO I THINK WE'VE CLEARED QUITE A NUMBER OF HURDLES. AND
23 SO, WHATEVER ARGUMENTS THAT MAY EMANATE FROM THE LEGISLATURE,
24 WHATEVER THEY MAY BE, MY POINT IS, LET'S PUT IT IN FRONT OF
25 THEM AND LET THEM SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST



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1 THAT WE VOTE ON THE ITEM TODAY AND DISPOSE OF IT ACCORDINGLY.

2 AND I WOULD SO MOVE, MADAME CHAIR.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THE ITEM'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED.

5 CALL THE ROLL.

6

7 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

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11 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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13 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** AYE.

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15 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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17 **SUP. KNABE:** NO.

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19 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

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23 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

24

25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ABSTAIN.



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2 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THE MOTION DOES NOT CARRY.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. I WILL SEEK TO BRING THE ITEM
5 BACK ON A GREEN SHEET, AND I'M ANNOUNCING IT NOW FOR NEXT
6 WEEK. IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT WE OUGHT TO PRESS THE CASE. ALL
7 OF THOSE OF YOU WHO CAME TO TESTIFY TODAY, WE THANK YOU, AND I
8 WOULD ASK THAT YOU RETURN NEXT WEEK AND BRING 10 PEOPLE WITH
9 YOU. WE APPRECIATE IT. [APPLAUSE]

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11 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, THAT'S A NICE APPEAL, BUT WHY NOT
12 SIMPLY CONTINUE IT A WEEK? WE DON'T NEED A GREEN SHEET.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, IT'S EFFECTIVELY THE SAME RESULT.
15 IT'S BEEN AN ATTEMPT TO BRING IT FORWARD, AND THE MAJORITY OF
16 THE BOARD CHOSE NOT TO DO THAT. THERE'S A PROVISION FOR US TO
17 HAVE IT BEFORE US AGAIN, AND I WOULD SIMPLY SAY LET'S HAVE IT
18 BEFORE US AGAIN. AND IN THE MEANTIME, WHATEVER WORK PEOPLE
19 NEED TO DO TO GET COMFORTABLE WITH IT, THEY CAN DO IT. I WILL
20 BRING IN A GREEN SHEET TO CALL IT TO COME FORWARD.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, COUNTY COUNSEL?

23



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1 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** IN ORDER FOR IT TO BE CONTINUED, MADAME
2 CHAIR, A MOTION BY THE PREVAILING PARTY WOULD HAVE TO BE
3 OFFERED.

4

5 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O:** SO, IF IT'S A RECONSIDERATION VOTE, COUNTY
6 COUNSEL IS CORRECT. IT'S THE PREVAILING PARTY THAT COULD BRING
7 THAT BACK IN RIGHT NOW.

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** I WOULD ASK FOR RECONSIDERATION. IS THAT THE
10 CORRECT WAY?

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SECOND.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. THEN I'D MOVE CONTINUANCE FOR ONE
15 WEEK.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** CALL THE ROLL.

18

19 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?
20 SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LET ME CORRECT THE RECORD, IF I MAY, FOR A
23 MOMENT, POINT OF ORDER, MADAME CHAIR. I WOULDN'T BE INCLINED
24 TO BRING IT IN ON THE GREEN SHEET. TOMORROW IS WEDNESDAY. I
25 WOULD JUST SCHEDULE IT FOR THE REGULAR AGENDA. SO, MIGHT I



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1 JUST CORRECT THE RECORD IN THAT REGARD, AND WE WILL PRESUMABLY
2 END UP AT THE SAME PLACE.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NOT NECESSARILY. I WOULD SAY THIS
5 GIVES US TIME, MEMBERS, TO DO SOME TALKING, ADVISEMENT WITH
6 FOLKS THAT WE KNOW THAT CARE ABOUT THIS ISSUE. IT'S NOT THAT
7 ANY ONE PERSON, AT LEAST, I'M SPEAKING FOR MYSELF, DOES NOT
8 SUPPORT PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COUNTY OF
9 LOS ANGELES. SO I DO THINK IT GIVES US AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO
10 THAT. I GET TO THEN LOOK AT THE DATA THAT WAS NOT GIVEN TO ME
11 AND HAVE THAT CHANCE AND ABILITY TO ARTICULATE OUR CONCERNS
12 WITH HOW THAT WAS DONE AND HOW WE PACKAGE THIS IN A WAY THAT
13 REALLY DOES PROVIDE OUR BEST FOOT FORWARD. I WANT TO SEE US BE
14 SUCCESSFUL.

15

16 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** RECONSIDERATION IS ON THE FLOOR.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY.

19

20 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

21 [SILENCE.] SUPERVISOR KUEHL? [SILENCE.] SUPERVISOR KNABE?

22 [SILENCE.]

23

24 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THIS IS A VOTE TO RECONSIDER.

25 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?



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2 SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:. [SILENCE.]

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4 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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6 SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: AYE.

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8 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: THE MOTION DOES NOT..

9

10 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: IT FAILS.

11

12 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: ..CARRY. IT DOES NOT CARRY.

13

14 SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

15

16 SUP. SHEILA KUEHL: I'M SORRY. DID YOU ALREADY DECLARE THE
17 VOTE, BECAUSE I --

18

19 SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O: MADAME CHAIR, IF I CAN, BOARD --

20

21 SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: KUEHL HAS NOT VOTED.

22

23 SUP. SHEILA KUEHL: WE DID NOT VOTE.

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1 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O:** OKAY, WHEN THEY CALLED THE ROLL, SO, BOARD
2 RULES INDICATE IF THEY CALL THE ROLL AND SILENCE IS -- SILENCE
3 MEANS THAT IT WOULD BE AN AYE VOTE. SO.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WHAT?

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7 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O:** I'M JUST SAYING THAT..

8

9 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THAT'S TRUE.

10

11 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O:** ..WHEN SHE CALLED THE ROLL, IF THERE IS
12 SILENCE BY THE BOARD MEMBER, AND THIS IS PER BOARD POLICY, IT
13 WOULD BE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. IT'S A YES VOTE.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL..

16

17 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O:** SO, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'VE PUT IN YOUR
18 VOTE YET WHEN THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER CALLED. I COULDN'T HEAR
19 IT.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES, THAT --

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23 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** I WILL READ THE ROLL AGAIN.

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT.



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2 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: THIS IS THE VOTE TO RECONSIDER.
3 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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5 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: I ABSTAIN.

6

7 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: ABSTAIN.

8

9 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: OR I AM A NO VOTE.

10

11 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

12

13 SUP. SHEILA KUEHL: OKAY, AYE.

14

15 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: AYE. SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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17 SUP. KNABE: AYE.

18

19 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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21 SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH: NO.

22

23 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

24

25 SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: AYE.



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1

2 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: THE MOTION PASSES TO RECONSIDER.

3

4 SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: SO, IT WILL COME BACK TO US.

5

6 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: NO.

7

8 SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: WELL, I'M SORRY.

9

10 SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O: NOW WE NEED TO TAKE UP THE MOTION TO
11 CONTINUE FOR ONE WEEK.

12

13 SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: OKAY.

14

15 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: THAT WAS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE,
16 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. THIS IS A VOTE ON PLACING IT ON
17 NEXT WEEK'S AGENDA. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

18

19 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: AYE.

20

21 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

22

23 SUP. SHEILA KUEHL: AYE.

24

25 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR KNABE?



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1

2 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

3

4 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

5

6 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** NO.

7

8 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AYE.

11

12 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THE MOTION CARRIES. IT WILL BE ON
13 NEXT WEEK.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. VERY GOOD. IT'S NOT THE END.
16 [APPLAUSE] I JUST WANT TO ALSO THANK THE AUDIENCE AND FOLKS
17 THAT CAME OUT HERE AND TO BE PREPARED TO HELP US ON OTHER
18 ISSUES. THANK YOU. OKAY. WE GO WITH SPECIAL ITEMS AND
19 ADJOURNMENTS. WE START WITH SUPERVISOR KNABE.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I WOULD MOVE TODAY THAT
22 WE MOVE IN ADJOURNMENT OF MR. ROGER GOODLING, A GREAT COACH
23 WHO LOVED BASKETBALL, THE PLAYERS IN COMPETITION. HE PASSED
24 AWAY JUST SHY OF HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY. HE WAS ONE OF -- HIS
25 PROUDEST POSSESSION WAS HIS N.A.B.C. MEMBERSHIP CARD AND BEING



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1 A MEMBER FOR 53 YEARS, HAVING ATTENDED MOST OF THE FINAL FOUR
2 TOURNAMENTS AROUND THE COUNTRY. HE PLAYED AT WILLIAM PENN HIGH
3 SCHOOL IN NEW YORK AND WENT ON TO LOCK HAVEN UNIVERSITY. HE
4 EARNED HIS MASTER'S DEGREE FROM TEMPLE, LOVED TO PLAY GOLF AND
5 MADE 6 HOLES IN 1S THROUGHOUT HIS GOLFING DAYS. HE WILL BE
6 SORELY MISSED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
7 WIFE OF 42 YEARS, SANDRA, FOUR CHILDREN, STEVE, A DEAR FRIEND,
8 CRAIG, KATE, AND ABBY, AND SIBLINGS WARREN, BETH, AND NANCY,
9 AND HIS GRANDCHILDREN. HE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM.
10 ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LLOYD BROWN, SR. WHO PASSED
11 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 85. HE WAS BORN IN GLENDALE AND A 51-YEAR
12 RESIDENT OF TORRANCE. HE WAS A LONGTIME MEMBER OF THE ST.
13 LAWRENCE MARTYR CATHOLIC CHURCH, RETIRED FROM G.T.E. BACK IN
14 1987. HE KEPT ACTIVE, THOUGH, EITHER DABBLING AS A TRAVEL
15 CONSULTANT, VERY ACTIVE IN THE LIONS CLUB AND KNIGHTS OF
16 COLUMBUS. HE WAS VERY INVOLVED IN HIS CHURCH AND WAS A
17 VOLUNTEER WITH TORRANCE MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER AND MORE
18 RECENTLY WITH THE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP AT ST. LAWRENCE,
19 AS WELL. HE WAS JUST -- WE JUST HAD OUR OLDER AMERICANS
20 RECOGNITION DAY, AND HE WAS POSTHUMOUSLY HONORED FOR HIS WORK.
21 HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS 10 CHILDREN AND 15 GRANDCHILDREN AND 6
22 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS, MADAME CHAIR.
23
24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE
25 ORDER. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?



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1
2 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO MOVE TODAY THAT WE MOVE
3 IN MEMORY OF WALTER LEO RASIC, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF
4 GLENDALE, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 86 ON MAY 2ND. HE'S SERVED
5 IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY, GRADUATED THE UNIVERSITY OF
6 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, HAD SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE COLISEUM
7 COMMISSION, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOS ANGELES NATIONAL
8 BANK, MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY AND THE
9 FLINTRIDGE SACRED HEART ACADEMY. HE ALSO WAS FAMILY OWNER OF
10 NIKOLA'S RESTAURANT. WALTER IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, BONNIE,
11 AND HIS BROTHERS NICK, PETER AND JOHN AND HIS DAUGHTERS
12 ROSEMARIE, THERESA, NICOLE, MELANIE, AND HIS SONS JOE, PETER,
13 AND MATT. HIS FUNERAL WAS TODAY AT ST. BEBE'S IN LA CA ADA
14 BECAUSE OF THE SIZE OF ST. ANTHONY'S CROATIAN CHURCH WAS NOT
15 LARGE ENOUGH FOR THIS EVENT, AND SO WE WERE THERE IN SPIRIT.
16 ALSO JOANNE DANIS, SANTA CLARITA, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF
17 95. SHE HAD BEEN A VOLUNTEER AT THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY
18 SENIOR CENTER AND FOUNDED THE SANTA CLARITA JAZZ CLUB. SHE DID
19 THAT IN HER 90S. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER. AJOKA
20 NISENTICH PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 83. HE HAD BEEN A GENERAL
21 CONTRACTOR FOR OVER 45 YEARS, AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE
22 AND THEIR THREE CHILDREN AND THREE SIBLINGS. GIUSEPPE "JOE"
23 CANDELA, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 84 ON MAY 8TH. HE WAS BORN
24 IN ITALY, LATER BECAME A U.S. CITIZEN, SMALL BUSINESS OWNER,
25 AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS TWO CHILDREN. ROBERT WHITE, A



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1 RESIDENT OF LANCASTER, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 93. ROBERT
2 WAS THE FATHER-IN-LAW OF OUR FORMER PARKS AND RECREATIONAL
3 EMPLOYEE OLENE WHITE, WHO WAS ALWAYS INVOLVED WITH HER HUSBAND
4 WITH OUR EQUESTRIAN TRAIL RIDES. ROBERT WAS A WORLD WAR II
5 VETERAN, A SINGER, A SONGWRITER, AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
6 THREE SONS, ARVIN, LARRY, AND SHAKOR. ELIZABETH KENNEDY PASSED
7 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 57, EARNING HER BACHELOR'S OF ARTS IN
8 PSYCHOLOGY AND MINORED IN SOCIOLOGY UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA,
9 SANTA CRUZ. SHE HAD BEEN A COUNSELOR AT LANCASTER HIGH SCHOOL
10 AND INVOLVED WITH THE CHILDREN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION.
11 SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, MALCOLM, AND TWO SONS. CHARLES
12 GIBSON, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, PASSED AWAY
13 AT THE AGE OF 82. HE WAS AN ORIGINAL FIREFIGHTER DISPATCHER AT
14 FIRE STATION 129 DURING HIS 30-YEAR CAREER WITH L.A. COUNTY
15 FIRE. AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 32 YEARS, SHEILA, AND
16 THEIR SONS AND DAUGHTER AND FIVE GRANDCHILDREN AND THREE
17 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. PAUL EDWARD BOOG PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE
18 OF 92, SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY DURING WORLD WAR II,
19 WORKED FOR THE STUDENT HEALTH CENTER AT U.C.L.A., HAD A
20 SUCCESSFUL CAREER IN REAL ESTATE. HIS FIRM, E.R.A.-BOOG
21 REALTY. ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND OUR LADY
22 OF PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC CHURCH. SURVIVED BY HIS NINE
23 CHILDREN AND TWO SIBLINGS. THOMAS KASCOUTAS PASSED AWAY AT THE
24 AGE OF 74, FROM SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, WAS A LONGTIME MEMBER OF
25 THE KIWANIS AND SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND THREE CHILDREN.



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1 DENNIS "DENNY" DEAN PODRATZ, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SANTA
2 CLARITA, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 67. HE WAS A DATA SYSTEMS
3 ANALYST FOR A.T.&T. AND SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND THREE SONS,
4 MOTHER AND THREE SIBLINGS. GLADYS TOGUCHI, RETIRED SENIOR
5 MANAGEMENT SECRETARY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S
6 DEPARTMENT. SHE HAD RETIRED IN 2011. NATE VISWANATHAN. HE WAS
7 AN ATTORNEY, JUDGE PRO TEM ON THE L.A. COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT,
8 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 86. HE WAS THE CHIEF ENGINEER AND
9 CONTRACTS MANAGER FOR MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, INCLUDING
10 THE HYDROELECTRICTY DAM IN UTAH AND SAUDI ARABIA'S AIRPORT. HE
11 WAS HONORED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN HIS EFFORTS TO
12 DECLOGGING COURT DOCKETS BY CONDUCTING MORE THAN 1,000
13 ARBITRATIONS AS A COURT-APPOINTED VOLUNTEER ARBITRATOR. HE WAS
14 HONORED AT ONE OF OUR RECENT VOLUNTEER AWARD LUNCHEONS. HE WAS
15 ALSO SUCCESSFUL IN REAL ESTATE IN CALIFORNIA AND ILLINOIS, AND
16 HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND THEIR THREE DAUGHTERS. ADELAIDE
17 "EVA" VEGA PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 96 ON MAY 4TH. SHE WAS AN
18 ACTIVE VOLUNTEER AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH AND WITH THE
19 NATIVE SONS OF THE GOLDEN WEST AND SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER FOUR
20 CHILDREN. AND THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE
23 ORDER. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
24 OF CARLOS DANIEL JOVEL. CARLOS DANIEL JOVEL ATTENDED THE
25 SCHOOL OF HISTORY AND DRAMATIC ARTS AT SOTOMAYOR LEARNING



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1 ACADEMIES. CARLOS TRAGICALLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 16 IN
2 THE LOS ANGELES RIVER. HE WAS A HAPPY, LIVELY STUDENT WHO WAS
3 ALWAYS ABLE TO BRING SMILES AND LAUGHTER TO HIS PEERS AND HIS
4 FAMILY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS MOTHER, REINA ARDEN, FATHER,
5 JUAN CARLOS JOVEL, AND SISTER, SANDRA JOVEL. HE WILL BE MISSED
6 DEARLY BY FAMILY, STUDENTS, FRIENDS, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS.
7 SECONDLY, I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY IN MEMORY OF GUSTAVO
8 RAMIREZ. GUSTAVO RAMIREZ WAS ALSO A CLASSMATE OF CARLOS JOVEL.
9 THIS WAS THE ACCIDENT THAT OCCURRED AT L.A. RIVER. THEY FOUND
10 THESE TWO YOUNGSTERS THAT WERE FOUND DEAD. GUSTAVO RAMIREZ
11 ATTENDED THE SCHOOL OF HISTORY AND DRAMATIC ARTS AT SOTO MAYOR
12 LEARNING ACADEMIES. GUSTAVO WAS ONLY 15 YEARS OLD WHEN HE
13 TRAGICALLY PASSED AWAY IN THE LOS ANGELES RIVER. HE WAS A
14 HAPPY, ENJOYABLE STUDENT WHO WAS KNOWN AS "SMILEY" TO HIS
15 SOCCER TEAMMATES. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS MOTHER, ANTONIA
16 RAMIREZ, FATHER, MACARIO RAMIREZ, AND HIS TWO OLDER SISTERS.
17 HE WILL BE MISSED DEARLY BY FAMILY, STUDENTS, TEAMMATES,
18 FRIENDS, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS. WITHOUT OBJECTION. [SILENCE.]

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** JAMES B. TAYLOR WAS BORN ON JANUARY THE
21 28TH, 1927 IN LOS ANGELES AND PASSED AWAY ON APRIL THE 26TH AT
22 THE AGE OF 89. HE GRADUATED FROM MANUAL ARTS HIGH SCHOOL AND
23 WAS A STAFF SERGEANT IN THE ARMY DURING WORLD WAR II TEACHING
24 MATH TO FELLOW STUDENTS. HE EARNED HIS BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN
25 MATH FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES AND EARNED



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1 HIS MASTER'S DEGREE IN EDUCATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF
2 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. AND THEN IN THE 1950S, HE TAUGHT MATH AT
3 JOHN ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL. I THINK WE HAVE A MEMBER OF THE
4 BOARD WHO WENT TO THAT THEN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL. AND THEN HE
5 WAS AT JEFFERSON AND HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOLS. IN 1967 HE BROKE
6 THE RACIAL BARRIERS AS THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN PRINCIPAL AT
7 JOHN H. FRANCIS POLYTECHNIC HIGH SCHOOL IN SUN VALLEY. AND
8 THEN AT ELAINE LEROY LOCKE HIGH SCHOOL IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES.
9 IN THE 70S, HE WAS APPOINTED AS THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN
10 DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT IN LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,
11 WHERE HE WORKED TO BRING RACIAL INTEGRATION TO THE SCHOOL
12 DISTRICT. AND IN 2013, THE GREEN DOT MAGNET SCHOOLS
13 ESTABLISHED THE AMINO JAMES B. TAYLOR CHARTER SCHOOL IN
14 RECOGNITION OF HIS PIONEERING WORK AS AN EDUCATOR AND
15 ADMINISTRATOR. MR. TAYLOR WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A LIFELONG
16 EDUCATOR AND AN ADVOCATE FOR IMPROVING OPPORTUNITIES FOR
17 STUDENTS AT L.A.U.S.D. AND BEYOND. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS FIVE
18 CHILDREN, NINE GRANDCHILDREN, SEVERAL GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN,
19 FRIENDS, STUDENTS, COLLEAGUES, AND MEMBERS OF THE L.A.U.S.D.
20 COMMUNITY WHO WILL MOST ASSUREDLY MISS HIM. JAMES B. TAYLOR.
21 SUPERVISOR?

22

23 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU. I'M VERY, VERY SAD TO ADJOURN
24 TODAY AND ASK YOU TO JOIN ME IN ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF A GOOD
25 FRIEND, WILLIAM SCHALLERT, WHO JUST PASSED AWAY. HE PERFORMED



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1 FOR MORE THAN 60 YEARS IN T.V. AND FILMS, OFF BROADWAY,
2 VOICEOVER, DIED ON MAY 8TH. HE WAS BEST KNOWN -- WELL, THAT'S
3 WHAT THE PAPER SAID, BUT I DON'T AGREE -- BUT HE WAS BEST
4 KNOWN, THEY SAID, FOR HIS ROLE AS THE HARRIED SITCOM FATHER TO
5 THE UNCLE TO THE "IDENTICAL COUSINS" PLAYED BY PATTY DUKE ON
6 THE 1960S SITCOM "THE PATTY DUKE SHOW." BUT IN MY OPINION, HE
7 WAS BEST KNOWN AS MR. POMFRITT, OUR TEACHER ON "THE DOBIE
8 GILLIS" SHOW. A WONDERFUL MAN, A GOOD FRIEND. HE PLAYED MANY
9 SERIOUS ROLES, AS WELL, INCLUDING THE JUDGE IN "THE TRIAL OF
10 THE CATONSVILLE NINE," WON AN OFF-BROADWAY AWARD FOR THAT ROLE
11 IN AN OFF-BROADWAY PLAY, WHICH WAS BASED ON THE TRIAL OF NINE
12 ROMAN CATHOLIC ACTIVISTS WHO BURNED MILITARY DRAFT FILES IN
13 1968 TO PROTEST THE VIETNAM WAR. INCIDENTALLY, ONE OF THEM WAS
14 DANIEL BERRIGAN, AND THOUGH HE WASN'T A CONSTITUENT, I'D ALSO
15 LIKE TO HONOR HIS MEMORY, BECAUSE HE ALSO RECENTLY PASSED
16 AWAY. BILL SCHALLERT WAS PRESIDENT OF THE SCREEN ACTORS GUILD
17 FROM 1979 TO 1981, AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SONS EDWIN,
18 JOSEPH, MARK, AND BRENDAN. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
19 TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF NATALIE AMBROSE, WHO DIED ON
20 APRIL 26TH. SHE HAD BEEN A MEMBER OF THE IMMACULATE HEART
21 COMMUNITY FOR 63 YEARS. SHE JOINED THE SISTERS OF IMMACULATE
22 HEART IN 1953 AND BECAME A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED MATH TEACHER
23 AND SPEAKER ON THE ENHANCEMENT OF LEARNING SKILLS AND PARENTS'
24 PARTICIPATION IN THEIR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION. SHE WAS A
25 COMMISSIONER AND TWO-TERM CHAIR OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY



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1 COMMISSION ON AGING AND WAS ALSO INVOLVED IN A LOT OF CIVIC
2 ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT THE SAN FERNANDO AND THE ANTELOPE
3 VALLEYS. AS A MEMBER OF THE IMMACULATE HEART COMMUNITY, SHE
4 WAS ALSO AN EARLY MEMBER OF THE COORDINATING COUNCIL OF THE
5 I.H.M. BLYTHE STREET PROJECT IN PANORAMA CITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD
6 CENTER THAT MINISTERS TO THE FAMILIES ON BLYTHE STREET. THANK
7 YOU.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE
10 ORDER. MEMBERS, WE NOW HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT, AND OUR FIRST
11 SPEAKER COMES TO US FROM LANCASTER. FRAN CERECERES.

12

13 **FRAN CERECERES:** OH, I'M ON? GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. THANK
14 YOU FOR HAVING ME. MY NAME IS FRAN CERECERES, AND I'M GUESSING
15 YOU KNOW I'M CALLING YOU FROM LANCASTER. I'M HERE IN SUPPORT
16 FOR THE INITIATIVE FOR THE HOMELESS AND ALSO TO KIND OF PUT A
17 LITTLE BOOST IN THERE FOR OUR LANCASTER COMMUNITY. OUR FAITH-
18 BASED COMMUNITY IS TRYING TO PUT A PROGRAM TOGETHER TO HELP
19 OUR HOMELESS, AND I'M HOPING THAT YOU WILL HELP AND GIVE US A
20 BOOST, ALSO, MONETARILY. AND I APPRECIATE EVERYTHING THAT YOU
21 HAVE DONE FOR US HERE IN THE VALLEY, IN LANCASTER'S ANTELOPE
22 VALLEY. THANK YOU AGAIN AND THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO ME. GOD
23 BLESS YOU ALL.

24



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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. OUR NEXT SPEAKERS
2 ARE ERIC PREVEN, ARNOLD SACHS, RICHARD ZALDOVAR. GO AHEAD.

3

4 **RICHARD ZALDOVAR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR,
5 CHAIRWOMAN SOLIS, AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY
6 NAME IS RICHARD ZALDOVAR. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE
7 FOUNDER OF THE PROJECT. WE WERE FOUNDED IN 1993. WE
8 CONSTRUCTED A MONUMENT BACK IN 2000. WE HAD THE SUPPORT OF THE
9 CITY OF LOS ANGELES AT THAT TIME, FINANCIAL SUPPORT, THE STATE
10 OF CALIFORNIA, AND I KNOW SUPERVISOR KUEHL SUPPORTED US IN
11 THAT TIME. AND TODAY YOU SUPPORTED SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S REQUEST
12 FOR SUPPORT FOR THE EIGHTH MONUMENT AT LINCOLN PARK. I WANT TO
13 TELL YOU HOW IMPORTANT IT IS, BUT MOST IMPORTANT BECAUSE WE
14 WERE HERE ALL MORNING, I JUST WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE A FEW OF MY
15 STAFF MEMBERS, ANDRES MAGANA, ENRIQUE TOPETE, AND ONE OF THE
16 MOTHERS WHO --

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** STAND UP, PLEASE.

19

20 **RICHARD ZALDOVAR:** SAY HELLO, PLEASE.

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22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WELCOME. SORRY TO HAVE YOU WAIT SO
23 LONG.

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1 **RICHARD ZALDOVAR:** AND ONE OF THE MOMS WHO LOST HER CHILD TO
2 A.I.D.S. BUT I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I DON'T, AND WE DON'T
3 TAKE GOVERNMENT.. WE TAKE GOVERNMENT VERY SERIOUSLY AND WE
4 TAKE OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS VERY SERIOUSLY. AND I KNOW YOU'VE
5 BEEN THERE IN THE PAST TO SUPPORT US. JUST WANT TO LET YOU
6 KNOW THAT THE BATTLE AGAINST A.I.D.S. IS NOT OVER. THIS
7 MONUMENT IS THE ONLY PUBLICLY FUNDED MONUMENT IN THE COUNTRY.
8 AND NOW THIS MONUMENT BELONGS TO ALL OF YOU HERE IN THE COUNTY
9 OF LOS ANGELES. SOON, AS WE START ROLLING OUT AND WE START
10 LOOKING AT RECONSTRUCTING AND REFURBISHING THIS MONUMENT,
11 WE'LL BE BACK IN CONTACT WITH YOUR OFFICES TO MAKING SURE THAT
12 YOU'RE ALSO PART OF THIS RECONSTRUCTION. TO YOU, MADAME
13 CHAIRWOMAN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR BOLD LEADERSHIP, YOUR VISION,
14 AND THE ABILITY TO RAISE ISSUES THAT SOMETIMES PEOPLE DON'T
15 NECESSARILY SEE. AND THANK YOU TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR
16 YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT. GOD BLESS YOU.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

19

20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS.
21 AND IT'S TRUE THERE IS A PARALLEL UNIVERSE. I MEAN, THE ROOM
22 FILLED WITH FAIRLY INTELLIGENT, YOU WOULD HOPE, PEOPLE TO COME
23 IN HERE, AND YOU POINT OUT TO THEM THE ACCOUNTING ABILITIES OF
24 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN OTHER AREAS. AND IT'S JUST -- OH,
25 THAT'S ALL RIGHT. JUST GIVE US MORE MONEY. WE'LL TAKE CARE OF



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1 THE PROBLEM. THIS IS AN EDITORIAL FROM YESTERDAY, 5/8/16 BY
2 ZEV ZIGA AND BILL PARENT ABOUT NOBLES OBLIGE, WHICH IS, I
3 GUESS, FOR DONATING MONEY. WHATEVER HAPPENED TO IT? AND I'M
4 THINKING IT WENT THE WAY OF METRO BUDGETING. YOU KNOW, THEY'RE
5 BUDGETING THIS MONTH. AGAIN I COME BACK TO THE ARTICLE THAT
6 WAS IN THE WATTS L.A. TIMES ABOUT THE TWO DIFFERENT AMOUNTS OF
7 MONEY FOR A HALF-CENT SALES TAX. KIND OF REMINDS ME OF THAT
8 JOKE FROM PULP FICTION WHERE THE TOMATOES WERE WALKING, MAMA
9 TOMATO, PAPA TOMATO, AND LITTE TOMATO, AND LITTLE TOMATO
10 STARTS TO LAG BEHIND AND PAPA TOMATO COMES BACK AND STOMPS ON
11 IT AND SAYS, "KETCHUP." IT'S JUST SO WEIRD. METRO EASES
12 TRAFFIC. ONE ARTICLE IN THE NEWSPAPER. THE SAME DAY, THEY HAVE
13 A STORY IN "URBAN SCRAWL." "THE GREATER L.A. AREA HAS FOUR OF
14 THE MOST CONGESTED FREEWAY SEGMENTS IN THE WORLD." AND BY THE
15 WAY, I WENT TO MEETING A COUPLE WEEKS AGO. ONE OF THE
16 COMMISSIONERS THERE SAID IT TOOK HIM TWO HOURS TO TRAVEL EIGHT
17 MILES, BUT IT WAS AN EASY COMMUTE. SO, KEEP MOVING FORWARD. I
18 CAN HARDLY WAIT UNTIL NEXT WEEK WHEN YOU BRING THIS BACK FOR
19 THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE AND TALK ABOUT WHERE THE FUNDING
20 ACTUALLY GOES, NOT WHERE YOU GET THE MONEY FROM.

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22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE A SERIES OF OTHER SPEAKERS:
23 ERIC PREVEN, GLENNA WILSON, GERI BANNING, OSCAR MOHAMMED,
24 ERNEST MOORE, JOSEPH MAIZLISH, RICHARD GUTIERREZ, AND
25 CHICODELI UDENSWA. MA'AM, GO AHEAD AND INTRODUCE YOURSELF.



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2 **GLENNA DIANE WILSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS GLENNA DIANE
3 WILSON. PARDON ME. I'M A REGISTERED NURSE. I RETIRED FROM THE
4 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. I WORKED AT COUNTY U.S.C. MEDICAL
5 CENTER, WHERE I SERVED IN THE INTERNAL MEDICINE COMMUNICABLE
6 DISEASES AND A.I.D.S. WARDS, AS WELL AS THE VOLUNTEER FLOAT
7 POOL. I'VE ALSO WORKED AS A PRIVATE V.I.P. NURSE AT A HOSPITAL
8 IN BEVERLY HILLS. THE TOPIC OF MY CONVERSATION, OF COURSE, IS
9 THE HOMELESS. THE REASON WHY I'M HERE TODAY IS BECAUSE A
10 HOMELESS MAN SAVED MY LIFE, AND I FEEL THAT THERE ARE QUITE A
11 FEW NEEDS, BUT HE WOULD NOT FEEL COMFORTABLE BEING BEFORE THE
12 ILLUSTRIOUS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND I DO SALUTE ALL OF YOU.
13 WITH THAT BEING SAID, IF YOU EVER LOOKED INTO A HOMELESS
14 PERSON'S EYES, THEY'RE VAGUE. THE WHITE OF THE EYES ARE
15 YELLOW, SOMETIMES THEY MAY BE RED DUE TO THE LACK OF SLEEP. A
16 HOMELESS PERSON IS A PERSON WHO LACKS A FIXED REGULAR AND
17 ADEQUATE NIGHTTIME RESIDENCE OR HAS A PRIMARY NIGHTTIME
18 RESIDENCE THAT IS SUPERVISED PUBLICLY OR IS PRIVATELY OWNED.
19 WITH THAT BEING SAID, THE POLLING OF THE HOMELESS HAS BEEN
20 CONDUCTED BY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. BUT I'M IN AGREEMENT
21 THAT IT MAY NOT BE THE PROPER NUMBER. THE HOMELESS, AS HAS
22 BEEN STATED, SLEEP UNDER FREEWAYS AND IN VACANT BUILDINGS.
23 HOMELESSNESS MAY BE A SINGLE EPISODE OR MAY BE A SUBSEQUENT
24 EPISODE. THOSE WITH HOMELESSNESS HAVE HIGH HEALTH PROBLEMS
25 SUCH AS T.B., WHICH IS A PUBLIC CONCERN. AND ONE STATE, I



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1 BELIEVE IT WAS IN WISCONSIN, WHERE THEY WOULD NOT ALLOW THE
2 HOMELESS PEOPLE TO COME INTO THE TREATMENT CENTER FOR T.B. AND
3 ALLOWED THEM TO STAY IN THE STREET AND THEY FROZE TO DEATH.
4 WITH THAT BEING SAID, HOMELESS PEOPLE ARE PERSONS OF JOB
5 LAYOFF, VICTIMS OF GOVERNMENT CUTBACKS, AND THOSE WHO ARE
6 DISPLACED BY NATURAL DISASTERS. I SUGGEST THAT YOU TAKE A GOOD
7 LOOK AT THIS, BECAUSE THE HOMELESS COULD BE ANY ONE OF US.
8 THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. NEXT SPEAKER?

11

12 **JOE MAIZLISH:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON. JOE MAIZLISH. I HAVE BEEN
13 REFLECTING ON YOUR DISCUSSION ABOUT THE HOMELESS ISSUE AND THE
14 VOTE. AND I'D LIKE TO ADD A COUPLE THINGS ABOUT MY
15 UNDERSTANDINGS, AND I BET THAT THEY'RE NOT ALSO YOUR
16 UNDERSTANDINGS OF POLITICAL DYNAMICS. HOW, SUPERVISOR
17 ANTONOVICH, IS THE MATTER GOING TO COME TO THE STATE WITH THE
18 URGENCY THAT IS REQUIRED FOR IT TO SHIFT ITS SPENDING, AS YOU
19 SAID, ABOUT THE PRIORITIES? HOW IS THAT GOING TO HAPPEN IF THE
20 COUNTIES DON'T START AN OUTCRY ON IT AND SAY THAT WE'RE READY
21 TO STEP IN IF YOU, STATE, WANT TO SHAME YOURSELF BY NOT
22 STEPPING IN. SOMEBODY HAS TO STEP FORWARD FIRST TO GET WHAT I
23 AGREE IS THE DESIRABLE OUTCOME, AND THAT IS GET THE WHOLE
24 STATE WORKING TOGETHER ON THIS. IN THE SAME WAY, YOU MAY
25 ACTUALLY INTEREST SOME OF THE OTHER 57 COUNTIES IN SUPPORTING



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1 THIS. THAT WILL ADD -- CERTAINLY THEY'RE INCLUDED IN THE WAY
2 THAT THE MATTER WAS WRITTEN. THEY'RE INCLUDED, TOO. THEY WILL
3 BENEFIT, TOO, IN THE SENSE OF BEING ABLE TO TAX IF THE STATE
4 DOESN'T PROVIDE THE HELP ITSELF. WHO KNOWS? IF WE HAVE 30
5 COUNTIES SPEAKING OUT AND A LOT OF LEGISLATORS, MAYBE THAT
6 WILL EVEN GET ACTION SOONER FROM THE STATE. BUT IT'S GOT TO
7 START SOMEPLACE. AND IT STARTS WHEREVER I AM, WHEREVER YOU
8 ARE. THAT'S MY POINT HERE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, EVEN IF PEOPLE IN
9 YOUR DISTRICT DON'T FAVOR IT OR TO THE DEGREE THAT THEY DO IN
10 OTHER DISTRICTS -- I KNOW YOU'RE CONCERNED ABOUT THE POLLING,
11 AND YOU CERTAINLY SHOULD HAVE HAD THE FIGURES IN A TIMELY WAY
12 -- BUT THAT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT THIS IS A WAY TO
13 EXPRESS YOUR VOICE. IT DOES NOT COMMIT YOU TO ANY PARTICULAR
14 FORMULATION. BUT IT IS A WAY TO SHOW URGENCY AND LEAD THE WAY
15 WITH THE RESULT OF OTHER COUNTIES JOINING. AND I SUGGEST A
16 VERY ACTIVE -- EVEN THIS WEEK EXPLORATION FOR THOSE WHO FAVOR
17 IT. ONE IS ABSENT AND ONE IS BUSY, BUT TO SPEAK TO OTHER
18 COUNTIES ABOUT IT, TOO.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I JUST WANT TO CORRECT YOU. I'M NOT
21 BASING MY VOTE JUST ON THE DATA THAT I DIDN'T RECEIVE TODAY.
22 MY SENSE IS THAT WE DIDN'T DO AN ADEQUATE JOB OF SHARING THE
23 INFORMATION AND ACTUALLY GOING AND TALKING TO EVERYBODY THAT
24 WE REALLY COULD REACH IN MY DISTRICT, BECAUSE THE POLLING DATA
25 FROM THE HOMELESS COUNT DIDN'T SHOW ME -- NOT THE POLLING, THE



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1 DATA THAT CAME BACK FROM THE HOMELESS COUNT DIDN'T TELL ME
2 THAT THERE WERE ENOUGH PEOPLE THAT WERE IDENTIFIED. AND THAT'S
3 NOT THE CASE. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT. I THINK IT IS
4 UNDERREPORTED, AND WE NEED TO DO A BETTER JOB. AND SOMEONE
5 SAID EARLIER IN THE AUDIENCE THAT WE SHOULD HAVE HAD PEOPLE
6 AFTER 6:30 AT NIGHT AND ON THE WEEKENDS. AND THAT'S NOT
7 SCIENTIFIC METHODOLOGY. IT'S JUST RATIONAL THINKING. THANK YOU
8 VERY MUCH.

9

10 **JOE MAIZLISH:** THANK YOU FOR THE CORRECTION. THIS MOTION TODAY
11 DOES NOT APPORTION THE ASSISTANCE AMONG THE DISTRICTS,
12 HOWEVER. AND SO, I THINK THAT'S A GOOD ONE FOR..

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** BUT WE DO CARE. WE DO CARE.

15

16 **JOE MAIZLISH:** IT'S IMPORTANT FOR A LATER TIME.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE DO CARE, AND I HAVE SUPPORTED
19 ISSUES THAT DON'T ALL AFFECT MY DISTRICT DIRECTLY. THANK YOU.

20

21 **JOE MAIZLISH:** I APPRECIATE THE CORRECTION. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

24



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1 **RICK GUTIERREZ:** YES, HELLO. MY NAME IS RICK GUTIERREZ, AND I'M
2 HERE REGARDING A D.C.F.S. CASE, WHICH IS NO. C.K. 73593. AND I
3 HAVE BEEN GOING THROUGH THESE CASES FOR ALMOST 10 YEARS NOW,
4 STARTING 10 YEARS AGO IN THIS VERY SAME BUILDING, WHERE I
5 SIMPLY HAD MENTIONED THAT I WAS A BELIEVER, THAT IS, IN JESUS
6 CHRIST, AND FOR THAT REASON I HAVE BEEN PICKED ON BY D.C.F.S.
7 EVER SINCE. I BROUGHT UP THE FACT THAT I WAS IN THE BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS BUILDING HERE, AND AS I WAS IN THE LOBBY I WAS
9 READING THE SEAL, WHICH IS IN THE LOBBY, AND READING WHAT THE
10 VARIOUS SYMBOLS REGARDED. AND THERE WAS A VERY NICE OR VERY
11 TOUCHING WRITE-UP ON THE CROSS, SAYING THAT THIS CITY WAS
12 NAMED AFTER THE ANGELS, THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, FOR THE
13 CHRISTIAN CHURCHES BUILDING THIS CITY. AND I BROUGHT THIS
14 FORTH TO D.C.F.S. I WAS RIDICULED, MADE FUN OF, AND LAUGHED
15 AT, AND THEY SAID, "WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN, MR. GUTIERREZ? THE
16 CROSS WAS REMOVED FROM OUR SEAL FOUR YEARS AGO." I REPORTED
17 THAT LADY TO HER SUPERVISOR, AND I'VE BEEN CAUGHT IN THIS
18 WHIRLWIND THAT HAS NEVER ENDED SINCE THAT DAY. AND AS IT GOES,
19 THAT LADY WAS THE ONE THAT WAS GOING TO DETERMINE THE VISITS I
20 HAD, THE AMOUNT MUCH VISITS THAT I HAD WITH MY LITTLE
21 DAUGHTER, WHICH WAS AT THE TIME ONLY ONE YEAR OLD. AND OF
22 COURSE, HER DECISION WAS TO NOT LET ME SEE MY DAUGHTER AT ALL.
23 HERE I AM NINE YEARS LATER IN ANOTHER CASE, AND I AGAIN AM THE
24 NON-OFFENDING PARENT. NOT ONLY AM I NOT BEING ALLOWED TO SEE
25 MY DAUGHTER, IT WAS SUGGESTED BY SUPERVISOR JAVIER MUNOZ THAT



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1 IT'S FLAT-OUT ILLEGAL FOR D.C.F.S. TO KEEP ME FROM SEEING MY
2 DAUGHTER. SO HE SAID THAT I NEED TO DO WHAT I NEED TO DO TO
3 REPORT THIS. THAT'S WHY I'M HERE. AND MAY 20TH WILL BE OUR
4 LAST COURT DATE. AND ON TOP OF EVERYTHING ELSE, THEY'RE
5 SUPPOSEDLY GOING TO REMOVE MY RIGHTS AS A PARENT. AND HERE I
6 AM, THE NON-OFFENDING PARENT. SO THIS WHOLE CASE, D.C.F.S.
7 WORKERS ARE COMPLETELY OUT OF CONTROL. I WANTED TO BRING THIS.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SIR, THANK YOU. THERE IS SOMEONE HERE
10 WHO WILL SPEAK TO YOU FROM D.C.F.S.

11

12 **RICK GUTIERREZ:** YEAH, HE ALREADY HAS, ACTUALLY.

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14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, SIR.

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16 **RICK GUTIERREZ:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER. MA'AM?

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20 **SPEAKER:** HONORABLE CHAIR, HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY
21 NAME IS -- I PRESENTED MY CASE TO YOU ON FEBRUARY 3RD, 2015
22 AND AUGUST 8TH, 2015 IN WHICH I WAS DIRECTED TO SPEAK TO THE
23 OFFICE OF LISA GARRETT REGARDING MY SALARY AND MY RETIREMENT
24 BENEFITS, MY ACCRUED TIME. THE REQUEST FOR MY RETIREMENT, MY
25 SALARY, AND MY ACCRUED TIME LED TO SOME CHARGES TO BE TRUMPED



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1 UP AGAINST ME IN 2011. I'M A REGISTERED NURSE WITH THE
2 L.A.C.+U.S.C. AND SINCE 1999 I'VE SERVED THE COUNTY
3 SELFLESSLY. I'M ONE THAT WOULD LAY MY LIFE ON THE LINE FOR MY
4 PATIENTS. BUT SINCE 2011, I HAVE BEEN IN A NIGHTMARE THAT IS
5 EVER ENDING. AND THAT HAS LED ME TO AGAIN TO COME TO THE THIRD
6 TIME TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'M NOT ABLE TO
7 WITHDRAW MY MONEY FROM THE EMPOWER DUE TO HARDSHIP. I'M NOT
8 ABLE TO GET DISABILITY. I'M NOT ABLE TO GET MY LETTERS. I'M
9 NOT ABLE TO DO ANYTHING. AND I'M ABOUT -- THEY ARE ABOUT TO
10 TAKE AWAY MY HOME. I'M A NURSE. I HAVE BEEN CONSTANTLY
11 STIRRING. I AM ASKING THE BOARD TO PLEASE TAKE TIME TO READ
12 THE DOCUMENTS, IT'S 46 PAGES IN NUMBER, THAT I SUBMITTED TO
13 YOU. IF YOU GUYS WILL PUT MY CASE IN AGENDA NEXT TIME, I WILL
14 GLADLY RETURN. BUT I NEED YOU GUYS TO CONSIDER ME, TAKING THE
15 FACT THAT I'VE SERVED THE COUNTY ALL THESE YEARS. EVEN IF I
16 HAVE TO LEAVE THE COUNTY, I WILL GO WITH A LITTLE DIGNITY AND
17 RESPECT. I HUMBLY REQUEST THAT YOU GUYS GIVE ME A TIME TO COME
18 BACK AND LOOK INTO MY CASE AND ADDRESS IT ONCE AND FOR ALL.
19 THAT'S WHY I'M HERE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. NEXT SPEAKER?

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23 **SPEAKER:** I REALIZE TWO MINUTES IS NOT ENOUGH FOR ME TO DISCUSS
24 ALL THE ISSUES THAT ARE GOING ON RIGHT NOW, BUT I WILL REQUEST
25 A HEARING IN WASHINGTON AT THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF



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1 REPRESENTATIVE, THE HOMELAND SECURITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.
2 THIS IS THE END OF THE WORLD. THE LORD GOD JESUS CHRIST HAS
3 TOLD ME. THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS TOLD ME THAT THIS IS REVELATION,
4 NOT A REVOLUTION. TO REVEAL THE SYMBOL THAT'S ON THE WALL
5 THERE IS LIKE THIS ONE. THIS IS THE SEAL THAT THE VATICAN
6 HANGS ON IN HELL. AND IT RULES BEYOND. IT IS RULING THE
7 GOVERNMENT. IT IS ADVISORS OF THE GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS SATAN.
8 THE BLUE ROBE IS FILLED WITH VESTURES, AND I WOULD LIKE TO
9 REQUEST E.5 VIDEO AND E.5 PACK OF PICTURES FOR TO BE RELEASED.
10 I WILL BE TAKING THESE PICTURES TO THE PUBLIC. EVERYTHING
11 THAT'S HAPPENING IN THE SPIRITUAL REALM WILL BE REVEALED. WITH
12 THAT SAID, QUEEN ELIZABETH II IS A VERY ILL WOMAN. THE QUEEN
13 OF ENGLAND, SHE IS NOT WELL. SHE NEEDS TO STEP DOWN, AND I'M
14 CALLING FOR HER TO BE EVICTED, AS WELL AS EVERY MEMBER OF HER
15 FAMILY. I HAVE SO MUCH MORE TO SAY, BUT I JUST CANNOT
16 REMEMBER. THIS IS A RETRIBUTION OF ME BEING HOMELESS. I JUST
17 SAW, I WAS SPIRITUALLY ATTACKED TO BE HOMELESS WITH MY
18 CHILDREN. AND THE HOMELESSNESS HAS NOW BEEN REMOVED FROM MY
19 VESSEL.

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21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. YOUR TIME'S
22 EXPIRED.

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24 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. YOU'RE WELCOME.

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOU CAN HAVE THE --

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3 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR, IN ACCORDANCE WITH
4 BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD
5 OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM
6 NO. C.S.-1, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING
7 LITIGATION, ITEM C.S.-3, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE
8 EVALUATIONS. ON ITEMS C.S.-2, C.S.-4, AND C.S.-5, COUNTY
9 COUNSEL AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE REQUEST THAT THESE
10 ITEMS BE CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF C.S.-2.
11 COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS.
12 PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT HAD THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL HOLD
13 A SPECIAL MEETING TO HEAR TESTIMONY RELATING TO THE FISCAL
14 YEAR 2016-17 PROPOSED BUDGET ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2016 AT
15 9:30 A.M. THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE HELD
16 ON TUESDAY, MAY 17TH AT 9:30 A.M.

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1 REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION MAY 10, 2016

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5 There was no reportable action on items CS-1, CS-3 or CS-5.

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7 In open session item CS-2 was continued two weeks to May 24,
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10 In open session item CS-4 was continued week to May 17, 2016.

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